

Riot police on Thursday keeping open the runways at Paris's Orly airport, which was threatened with closure by demonstrators backing the national strike.

Juppé Names Mediator in Attempt to End Upheaval

By William Drozdiak Washington Post Service

PARIS - With France's worst industrial disruption in a decade at an impasse, Prime Minister Alain Juppé appointed an economist, Jean Mattéoli, as mediator Thursday in an effort to find some common ground with public service unions so that strikes can end before further damage is done to the economy.

But while the nationwide strike that ha analyzed buses, trains and Meiro service in sance for two weeks has failed to speciallo

Kohl Supports

Chirac's Stand

By Tom Buerkle

International Herold Tribune

BADEN-BADEN, Germany — Chan-cellor Helmut Kohl stepped directly into France's budget battle with striking public

workers on Thursday, applanding Pres-dent Jacques Chirac for the government's

'great effort' to reduce its deficit and

The two leaders also strongly reaffirmed

their commitment to the single-contency project contained in the Manstricht treaty

and ruled out any delay in the 1999 launch hate or any weakening of the economic

"I understand perfectly well that the president and the French government, in

his dramatic situation, are doing everyhing necessary to prepare France for the houre," Mr. Kohl said after a four-hour

neeting with Mr. Chirac and senior French

might back down on its budget reforms after two weeks of strikes that have crip-

pled rail and postal services, Mr. Kohl said

Mr. Chirac, in a reprise of his Oct. 26 policy U-mm that put deficit reduction at the

top of the government's priority list, said.
France needed to pursue the paintal sciouss to restore its economy to health and castire the future of its social welfare system.

"The policy's only motive is to adapt. our society to fight memployment and

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he had "absolutely no worries.".

Asked if he was concerned that France

meet the tough criteria for a single En-

ropean currency.

and German ministers.

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the private sector as union leaders had more spending on the university system.

[France's Communist-led CGT union strations in Paris and in the provinces Thursday showed the depth of antagonism toward the Juppé government.
In Marseille, Nice, Toulouse and even

Bordeaux, where Mr. Juppé was elected mayor earlier this year, tens of thousands of people marched to show their opposition to the government's planned reforms.

More than a third of all French public imployees were on strike Thursday. nstance on the Left Bank for

called for widespread protests and public and private sector strikes on Tuesday,

[The CGT, France's biggest union, said in a resolution that the mass demonstrathat the action is taking root, spreading and

mas season. Many economists say the protracted transportation strike could drive

France into recession just when it needs a spurt of growth to bring down a johless rate of close to 12 percent.

But the government faces an uphill battle in restoring its credibility. Many people from 9.2 percent, interviewed on the streets of Paris say they

Also worrying v are infuriated not so much with the strikes tions and stoppages Thursday "confirmed as with President Jacques Chirac's broken campaign promises.

gaining an exceptional dimension."]

After vowing to do all be could to heal the nation's "social fracture" and create jobs, business has plummeted during the Christ-

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U.S., on Bosnia, **Bars Neutrality**

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The United States is not neutral on the political conflict in Bosnia, but U.S. military peacekeepers will be evenhanded in dealing with all sides there, Defense Secretary William J. Perry said Thursday.

"I don't believe we are neutral in the full sense of that word," he said in response to a question after a speech at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. "We believe that the Bosnian government and people have suffered atrocities and killings, and we don't ap-proach this as psychologically neutral." He added, "What we say we are, and what we will be, is evenhanded. And as peacekeepers we will be evenhanded."

New AIDS Drug in U.S.

WASHINGTON (NYT) - The Food and Drug Administration on Thursday approved the first of a new class of drugs designed to attack the AIDS virus, and its maker promised to have it on pharmacy shelves within 48 hours. The drug, Sagninavir, made by Hoffmann-La Roche inc., is a member of the class of drugs called protease inhibitors that attack HIV's ability to reproduce by inhibiting the action of an enzyme crucial to HIV reproduction.

James Reston, 86, Dies, N.Y. Times Columnist

James Reston, among the most respected journalists of his generation, died of cancer at his home in Washington.

Mr. Reston, 86, spent five decades with The New York Times as a correspondent, columnist and editor. He won the Pulitzer Prize twice. (Page 7)



DAY IN COURT - Erich Priebke, 82, an ex-SS captain, leaving court Thursday as his trial for Italy's worst war atrocity was delayed. Page 5.

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Downturn Brakes German Economy

Report Sets Off Recession Fears Across Europe

PARIS - German economic growth skidded to a halt in the third quarter of 1995, the government reported Thursday. raising fears that Europe could slide into

The recession danger stems from the fact that the poorer-than-expected performance of the biggest economy in Europe could damage the economic prospects of Germany's main trading partners, economists said. The slowdown could also hurt prospects for achieving a single European

"This is a clear slowdown," the Economics Ministry in Bonn said. "It reflects the growth-braking effects of the high valne of the mark since the spring, high wage raises and a rising tax burden.

In the period from July to September, the German economy did not grow compared with the second quarter. The economy improved only 1.5 percent from the third quarter of 1994, making it the weakest quarter since Germany emerged from recession two years ago.

Most economists are now looking for stagnant growth in the fourth quarter as well and overall growth for 1995 of only

Particularly disturbing to economists was a high level of inventories, meaning that industry must slow output, thus in-creasing joblessness.

German unemployment is already increasing. In November it rose to 9.3 percent

Also worrying was a 3.4 percent slump in the rate of investment in plant and equip-ment. Factories are also working well below capacity, with the utilization rate having slipped from 86.1 percent to 84.7 percent.

Private-sector economists, urging the Bundesbank to slash interest rates to jumpstart the economy, warned that growth next year could fall below 2 percent. "I can't see any reason why the Bun-

desbank wouldn't want to play its part in keeping the economy going and avoid re-cession by cutting rates," said Julian Jes-sop of HSBC Markets in London.

reduce its discount rate below its present level of 3.5 percent, it could take six months for the cut to filter through to the economy.

Separately, in what was taken to be a sign of support for the embattled government as it stands firm against striking workers in Paris, the Bank of France lowered its main money market rate 0.1 percentage point Thursday, from 4.8 percent to 4.7 percent. (Page 15)

France is suffering from a lack of growth similar to Germany's, with third-quarter growth having been only 0.2 percent and most economists expecting no growth in the last three months of the year.

Both Germany and France face rising unemployment, and the mounting economic cost of strikes in the latter country suggest that even if both economies avoid recession — defined as two consecutive

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Hidebound Capitalism, On the Cusp Of Reform

By Alan Friedman

COLOGNE — German capitalism has reached a crossroads where its lumbering strength is suddenly being tested by an agile and innovative world of international competition.

A series of reforms and changes. some of them painful, will soon be needed as the country works to prosper

In stark contrast to the way Germany towers over all other European economies,

COUD-Germany 1996 try's financial markets remain relatively closed

An Analysis

Last of four articles and underdeveloped. And much of the German manufac-

turing sector of industry has yet to complete the full extent of restructuring already achieved in places like the United States, Britain, France or even Italy. In the financial world, Germany is

on the cusp of reforms that could make it a more market-oriented place with more transparent and investor-friendly forms of business practices. But the country's incestuous Old Guard, symbolized by the way a few big banks continue to own big chunks of industry, is loathe to give way.

In industry, often held back by the

drive to achieve detailed consensus with unions, more barsh job cuts are still to come as Germany struggles to remain competitive with its musclebound mark, often by transferring manufacturing out of the country.

The German industry federation estimates that the country has completed lining that began in 1991. In another two or three years, when the process is finished, total employment in the German manufacturing sector will have declined since 1991 by 2 million. down to 8 million workers.

Germany's slowing economy, mean-while, and the increasing likelihood that it will face several months of stagnation, could accelerate layoffs, thus further swelling the ranks of the job-

German politicians have failed to take advantage of the recovery since 1994 to roll back the welfare state, make the labor market more flexible and take other unpopular steps while there was growth.

'To best belp German industry and push through such reforms," a senior government minister insisted during a

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After the Economic Boom, ? **Korea Grows Up Politically**

By Mary Jordan Washington Post Service

SEOUL - South Korea is mainly known for its sumning economic miracle. In 1980, most people did not have a car, a phone or refrigerator. Now, Korean luxury cars, cellular phones and electronic equipment are staples at home and well respected

But in recent weeks, the world has gotteo a glimpse of the political change that has also transformed this country, long in the shadow of neighboring China and Japan. Its first elected civilian president has only held office since 1993. And the infant

democracy is now at an historic turning point as it calls fur a public accounting of the ways of its military dictatorship past. 'First and foremost, we are showing the

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world that as young as Korean democracy is, the democratic process is alive and well," said Lho Kyong Soo, professor of international politics at Seoul National University.

Two former army generals, whn ruled the county successively from 1980 to 1993,

South Korea puts its armed forces on a "preparedness" alert.

now sit in jail awaiting trials for their part in a December 1979 military coup and a massacre of civilians that followed it. Only last month the former leaders, Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Woo, were neighbors living more than comfortably in a wealthy suburb of Seoul. Now they eat prison food and face an unknown future.

Korea is oot only seeking to purge itself of the corruption and cruelty of its two immediate past presidents. Prosecutors this week also indicted the heads of seven of Korea's biggest companies on charges of

offering bribes to government officials.

While there could be some short-term economic repercussions for the country in having the heads of such massive cooglomerates as Samsung and Daewoo go on trial, many economists believe that Korea could in the long run become more eco-nomically sound. In the future, the most efficient businesses might flourish instead of those with the closest government ties.

This national reckoning is oow taking

What Price Bosnia Glory? To Start, a Head of Hair ditorium at this base 20 miles (32 kilometers) north of wants to put them in harm's way. Secretary of Defense By Rick Atkinson

Vashingson Post Service

BUTZBACH, Germany -- Colonel Gregory Fontenot stood on a stage in a U.S. Army auditorium. His hair lay on the floor. He had bet his soldiers that they were not the crack gunners they said they were. He had wagered his

Colonel Fontenot lost both his bet - the anti-tank gunners had blown their targets to smithereens — and then his hair, which had just been sheared from his head in a ceremony of great minth.

Now, bald as a cue ball, he had a few words to say Raise your hand if you think everybody is going to come home alive in the First Armored Division," said

First Brigade to Sector Tuzla. Among the hundreds of soldiers sitting in the au-

Frankfurt, not a single hand went up. "Good. Good grip on reality," Colonel Fontenot said

with a nod. "Sometime you may have imagined yourself driving through a bad neighborhood. Now you're going to live in a bad neighborhood."

He paced back and forth before suddenly whirling to face his soldiers. "Anybody here afraid to go?"

More than half the hands went up, including Colonel Fontenot's own, "I am," he confessed. "My hand's up."

Such preparatory sessions - part theatrical performance, part therapy session, part pep talk - have occurred in recent days throughout Germany, where most of the 20,000 U.S. soldiers pledged to Bosnia are mustering. Commanders such as Colonel Fontenot have tried to brace their troops for the reality of the impending deployment while explaining the reasons the country

William J. Perry was in Germany two weeks ago to espouse what he called the "iron logic" of U.S. involvement in the Balkans: The Bosnian conflagration threatens Europe and NATO. Europe and NATO are vital American interests. Ergo, Bosnia is a vital American interest worthy of the involvement of U.S. troops. But many commanders have discovered that such

geopolitical syllogisms have limited appeal to young soldiers. Too abstract, too deductive. Although they respond to the emotional appeal of helping to end the Bosnian bloodshed, these troops, like soldiers through the ages, will risk life and limb not for

abstractions but for their comrades. "Soldiers are grappling with the same thing that other Americans are grappling with," said Major Gary Daniel, the First Brigade's personnel officer. "What's the mis-

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about Bosnia. The fun was over. the man who will lead 4,200 soldiers from the division's

Giuliani Rules City With Aggressive Assurance

By John Tierney

EW YORK - In the public mind of this metropolis, Fiorello La Guardia, the famed former mayor who left office in 1945, is the Little Flower, the builder of modern New York, the benevolent figure who read the comics to children on the radio.

But the reality of Mr. La Guardia is this: Little Flower was just one of his nicknames; he was also called Linle Napoleon, the Great Infallible and Midget Mussolini. At one public hearing he told a loyalist. "If you try to start anything with me, you'll go out of that

window, you bootlicking valet!"

He did have charms that the current mayor lacks, but he could be just as self-righteous.

Second of two articles

He, too, loved Italian opera and its impassioned zealots. His most appropriate nickname, bestowed by a reporter, was an Italian phrase that would fit either Tosca or Scarpia, and that nicely suits Mayor Rudolph Giuliani too: Il Sacro Terrore. The Holy Terror.

Mr. Giuliani, the current Republican mayor, who pays homage to Mr. La Guardia, is the control freak, the slasher of budgets, the taut face of the former federal prosecutor that be is decouncing the vile stupidity of his enemies on television every night.

Even as he manages to right the city's economy and cut the crime rate down to size, was it really necessary. Mr. Giuliani's critics ask, to create an international incideot by ejecting Yasser Arafat from Lincoln Center during the recent 50th anniversary celebration for the United Nations?

R. GIULIANI'S day often begins with a live radio interview at 6:30 or 7, and he is ordinarily at City
Hall by 8 to meet with the dozen
members of his inner circle. But on this receot Thursday, the staff meeting has been canceled so everyone can go to Brooklyn for the monthly meeting of the full cabinet. Mr. Giuliani doesn't have to leave Gracie Mansion, the mayoral residence, until 8:15. He and his wife, Donna Hanover Giuliani, see their two children off to school, and the mayor has a quick cup of coffee in the kitchen before climbing into his white van. Except for a phone call at 4:30 A.M. briefing him about reaction to his crusade to rid the Fulton Fish Market oo Manhattan's East Side of companies suspected of having Mafia connections, Mr. Giuliani slept from 1:45 to 6:15.

9 A.M. Arriving at Brooklyn Borough Hall,

Mr. Giuliani stops in for a meeting with Howard Golden, the borough president, and borrows three paper clips to secure a trouser cuff that has come lonse. They go into the grand courtroom for the cabinet meeting, at which several dozen commissioners and officials listeo to a list of demands from the borough president, exhortations from Mr. Giuliani and a speecb from Randy Mastro, the mayor's chief of staff.

Organized crime has been prevalent in the Fultoo Fish Market for 70 years, and it's oot going to go away overnight," Mr. Mastro concludes. "But this mayor has the guts and the courage to stay the course."

The commissioners applaud vigorously. Loyalty is vital in this administration.

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Mayor Rudolph Giuliani striding toward his white van in midtown Manhattan on the way to another appointment.

Last year, when newspapers were quoting unnamed commissioners complaining about budget cuts, all the commissioners were summoned to City Hall by Peter Powers, Mr. Giuliani's first deputy mayor.

"I told the commissioners," Mr. Powers would later recall, " 'If it's too hard for you to make these cuts, tell me privately and we'll part friends. If you want to stay on board, you can't criocize the mayor. I was upset. They all applauded, and after that the complaining

stopped."
10:40 A.M. After a brief press conference outside the cabinet meeting, Mr. Giuliani rides into Manhaoan with his communications director, Cristyne Lategano, She feigns disappointment that the news conference didn't deal with a hot topic that week, Mr. Giuliani's decision to exclude Fidel Castro and Yasser Arafat from the dinner and concert for the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, "I'm surprised you didn't talk about Castro," Ms. Lategano jokes,

Mr. Giuliani, who has been happily ex-coriating the Cuban dictator at every public opportunity, laughs and marvels at New Yorkers who like Mr. Castro. "Maybe only in New York City can you actually find people who have a romantic fascination with people who hate their country," he reflects. "It's like having a romantic fascination with someone

who hates your family."
11:10 A.M. Reaching City Hall, he heads upstairs to give awards and praise to city employees packed into the public hearing chamber. "New York City," he reminds everyone, "is the best city in the world." Then back to the van for a ride to midtown.

Oo the way he reminisces about his father:

By Curt Suplee Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Couples

who are trying to get pregnant,

or trying not to, may need to

change the rhythm of their

method, according to a new

Researchers reported in

Thursday's The New England

Journal of Medicine that the

highest probability of pregnan-

cy each mooth occurs during a

six-day period ending on the

day of ovulation, a time frame

several days earlier and con-

siderably shorter than conven-

"The kind of thing that ob-

stetricians tend to tell their pa-

dents is that their most fertile

period is a few days before ovu-lation and a few days after-

wards," said Allen J. Wilcox.

who headed the research team at

the North Carolina-based Na-

tional Institute of Environmental

Health Sciences, "But our data

seem to indicate that the day of

ovulation is the end of the fertile

time, not the middle of it."

tional wisdom dictates.

you're oot courageous, you're just crazy.' He said the real test is to overcome it, to not let it stop you from doing the things that you think you should do.'

Mr. Giuliani's father gave him an excep-tional opportunity to learn this skill at an early age. The father was a Yankee fan. The son had no particular allegiance until the day his father dressed him in a Yankee uniform and sent him out to play in the beart of Dodger territory.
"The first thing they did was throw me in the mud." Mr. Giuliani recounted during a campaign commercial in 1993 that briefly described his travails as the only Yankee fan in

HIS DAY, he elaborates: "To my father, it was a joke, Put a Yankee uniform on the kid and it'll irritate all my frieods and relatives and it'll be fun. But to me it was like being a martyr: I'm oot gonna give up my religion. You're oot

gonna change me. 12:30 P.M. After a speech to maritime union leaders, Mr. Giuliani heads downtown to his inevitable lunch on the road — pizza. 1:45 P.M. Back in his office, Mr. Giuliani

poses for photos with six visiting teenagers from Israel and makes small talk. ("Tel Aviv, that's a teeming city.") Joseph Verner Reed, an undersecretary-general at the United Natioos, comes into lobby him to attend the world leaders' speeches at the United Nations

"I have the two best seats in the house for you," Mr. Reed says. "You can listen to President Clinton, and when Castro gets up to speak you can walk out."

2 P.M. Time for the daily ritual in the Blue

Study Finds Earlier, Shorter Period for Fertilization

is dislodged from its protective think they must have inter-

In general, ovulation occurs A. Zacur, director of the re-proximately once a month productive endocrinology divi-ound the 14th day of the 28-sion at Johns Hopkins Medical ably occurred.

Institutions. "It can alleviate a

bit of the pressure" that couples

course on a certain day or all is

Equally reassuring, he said, is the finding that even though sperm might have been present

in the reproductive tract for a

day or two before ovulation.

"that does not mean that one

risks a pregnancy loss" from

possible aging or degradation

During the four-year study, the researchers recruited 221

healthy women aged 26 to 35

who were planning to become pregnant. Each subject provid-

ed daily urine samples and re-

ports of sexual activity. The

urine specimens were analyzed

for the presence and relative

abundance of various hor-

mones, and the readings were

infertile couples," said Howard then compared with the history tract," the authors wrote.

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of the sperm.

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approximately once a month around the 14th day of the 28-

day menstrual cycle, in re-sponse to a stimulatory cocktail

of hormones. An egg. or ovum,

follicle in the ovary and be-comes available for fertilization

by sperm. If not fertilized soon,

the ovum is removed from the

reproductive tract by menstrual

hleeding. If it is fertilized, chemical changes begin in the womh that make the environ-

ment coogenial to pregnancy.

Although the overall process

well understood, relatively

little is conclusively known

about how long the opportunity for fertilization is. Estimates

vary from two to 10 days.
The researchers found that

all pregnancies in the study

group were initiated on the day

of ovulation or during the five

previous days; none was pro-

duced by intercourse after this

again why he is excluding Mr. Castro and Mr.

"Some people," a reporter says, "think that if the party is financed by public money, theo you have no right to exclude people, including Castro." including Castro."
"Weil," Mr. Giuliani replies, "some people

think that, because you say that, but you're wrong."
Why?"

"Why? Because you don't bother to check your facts, which is a very irresponsible thing

"I'm asking you the —"
"Get your facts right in the premise of your

"I'm asking you to get the facts."
"No, you're not," Mr. Giuliani says, glaring. "You asked the question, 'Some people think that' — the fact is, it is not funded by public dollars. The fact is that party is funded by private dollars."

5:10 P.M. After two hours of telephone calls and meetings in his office, Mr. Giuliani rides to the headquarters of the United Jewish Appeal. He gets a standing ovation and is introduced as the man with courage who "has changed the face of the city in two years."

6:20 P.M. Shaking hands as he walks along, Mr. Giuliani leads his entourage down Park Avenue, pausing to look at a tie in a store window. "It's ridiculous to pay \$80 for a tie. I could find the same thing for \$20." At the Waldorf-Astoria he changes into white tie and tails for the Alfred E. Smith political dinner.

11 P.M. After dashing from the dinner to a live interview on the 10 o'clock news at WPIX-TV. Mr. Giuliani heads home, sounding unaccountably energetic for a 51-year-old man "He gave me the best definition of courage and bravery that I ever heard. I asked him right before he died if he was ever afraid. He said he was always afraid — 'If you're not afraid, it." Today the reporters want to know once afrom the said has just worked 15 straight hours. "Today has been a fairly easy day," he says when he gets out at Gracie Mansion. "I'm not tired. I'll be up for another two hours."

day on which fertilization prob-

group, 'conception occurred

only when intercourse took

place during a six-day period

that ended on the estimated day

of ovulation," the researchers

The probability of intercourse resulting in pregnancy ranged from one in 10 on the

fifth day prior to ovulation to

Sciences' group wrote, "cou-ples who abstain from inter-

course until they have evidence

of ovulation may miss earlier

sperm appear to remain potent

somewhat longer than generally

believed. The findings "indicat-

ed that sperm retain their ability

to fertilize an ovum for up to five

days in the female reproductive

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The results also show that

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conclude.

Survivors Unlikely In Russian Crash

MOSCOW - A search for a plane that disappeared in the officials held out little hope on Thursday of finding survivors.

"I cannot imagine that the passengers or crew had any said the Moscowbased Russian air traffic control chief, Dmitri Polkanov.

"According to our informa-tion from Khabarovsk," he

plane has crashed."

The Interfax and Tass news agencies quoted officials as saying that the To-154, which disappeared shortly after leaving Sakhalin Island for Khabarrovsk, an hour away on the Rue. roysk, an bour away on the Russian mainland, had been in service since 1976 and flown more than 30,000 hours.

Interfax said that, unlike more modern aircraft, the plane did not have an automatic radio unit that would transmit its position. This made the search more difficult.

An official at Khabarovsk airport, seven time zones and 9,000 kilometers east of Moscow, said rescuers had suspended their search for the Tu-154 as darkness fell.

There has been no official report on the exact number of passengers on board the threeengined 154-seat airliner. Moscow air traffic officials said there were 87 passengers, including a baby and eight crew

Interfax said the plane had probably crashed on land some-

said it could have plunged into the Sea of Japan.

The disappearance of the Russian Far East with nearly plane, days after two fatal 100 people aboard was to re-crashes in the Transcaucasian sume at first light Friday, but republic of Azerbaijan, will revive concern about air safety in the former Soviet Union.

"In 1988-1994 the air safety situation has worsened," said Alexander Neradko, who heads a department which investigates air accidents in Russia "If we look at the notorious

1994, the level of air safety in

in Siberia last year after the pilot allowed his teenage son to take the controls. Seventy died. The International Airline

Passengers Association warned its members not to fly in or over the former Soviet Union, citing "overloaded airplanes, lack of cockpit discipline, pilot error, aging aircraft.

The Russian transport minister, Vitali B. Yefimov, conceded in April that air safety had become "very weak" and

The collapse of the Soviet Union led to the breakup of the state airline Aeroflot and the creation of dozens of "babyflots." which inherited the airline's planes and routes. Russia now has more than 400 airlines.

It was a babyflot, Khabarovsk

TRAVEL UPDATE

Going Gets Even Tougher in France

PARIS — The public sector strikes in France entered their 14th day on Thursday, and transportation problems got worse as airline employees joined a stoppage by the national railroads and Paris bus and Métro services. Here is a summary of the main disruption

 Still no rail or Paris public transport services. Bus and Métro services were crippled in Marseille, Lille, Bordeaux and Toulouse. Public transportation in other provincial cities was restricted. Six of the 10 scheduled Eurostar cross-Channel lines linking Paris, Brussels and London ran on Thursday. The same number of trains would run on Friday. Striking SNCF employees

staged sit-ins on the rails, delaying in Eurostar departures.

A firemen's strike that could continue on Friday forced Paris's Orly and Charles de Ganlle airports each to operate only one of their two runways. The stoppage delayed arrivals by up to 90 minutes and departures by two to three hours. A strike by cabin crew due to continue on Friday forced Air France to cancel 15 of its 200 flights out of Paris while its domestic arm Air Inter said it ran 75 percent of its flights.

· A strike by some air-traffic controllers will continue untir" early Saturday. Scattered disruptions were reported at provincial airports. Services between Toulouse and Lyon were canceled.

 Heavy traffic jams snaked around the capital, but roads were less congested than earlier in the week.

 Ferry services from the northern ports of Calais, Dunkerque and Dieppe were disrupted. Dockers, called by unions to stage an open-ended strike, stopped work in Nantes, Marseille and Sete. Truckers added to transport chaos by staging go-slow operations and partially blocking some roads. Several museums

Pilots Call New Hours 'Dangerous'

BRUSSELS - European pilots on Thursday attacked plans by aviation authorities to extend their maximum working day to 14 hours as "unsafe and dangerous."

"We do not want to see existing levels of safety jeopardized." the European Cockpit Association, which represents airline flight crews, said in a statement. "We therefore ask that we are not Out of 192 pregnancies in the stretched to the absolute limits of our endurance.

The organization said the 23-country Joint Aviation Authorities planned at a meeting Tuesday to extend the maximum working day and increase the permitted number of takeoff and landing cycles per day to three.

Quarantine regulations have been introduced in Moscow hospitals and clinics this week to combat what authorities call the city's worst flu epidemic, the Itar-Tass news agency said. (AP)

one in three on the day of ovu-lation. "If the probability of conception declines soon after ovulation," the National Insti-ute of Environmental Health Correction

An article oo the back page of the IHT's editions of Nov. 30 gave the wrong date for the bombing of Guernica. The bombing took place in 1937.



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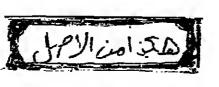
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Left, Right and Center Agree: Now Politics Is All About the Income Gap

By Steven Pearlstein nton Past Service

WASHINGTON - The growing income gap between the rich and the poor has become the central issue in American politics, and the party that figures out what to do about it - or makes the right noises about it will dominate American politics.

That was the message from the of New Jersey who has announced left and the right, Democrat and Re-publican, politician and pollster, economist and financier at a forum

anxiety is the growing gaps between the haves, the have-nots and those in the middle who feel they are on a tween Republicans, Democrats and treadmill in which they have to run faster and faster merely to stay in place," said Representative Charles E. Schumer, Democrat of New York, who organized the event with Senator Bill Bradley, the Democrat

his retirement. Stanley Greenberg, who polls for the White House and the Democratic

"The main cause of America's ering Wednesday that nearly all re-reluctance of Republicans to face up the 1890s and the Roaring 1920s. "downscale" voters who swing besuch independents as Ross Perot in search of an answer to their declining economic fortunes.

There is no more central subject in politics today," Mr. Greenberg said, "and no party will be successful without addressing it suc-

Kevin Phillips, a free-ranging Re-publican theorist and author of "The on inequality held on Capitol Hill. National Committee, told the gath-Politics of Rich and Poor," said the

cent elections had been decided by to the inequality issue was costing ended when progressives were able them the support of a third of their to ride into office on the inequality natural base of voters.

> predicted, the Republican takeover that rising inequality has so torn the of Congress last year will go down as social fabric that fixing it amounts to the last gasp of a Republican erathat not only a moral or political imbegan with the election of Richard perative but also an economic one. Nixon in 1968 and has now been taken over by a coalition of rightwing ideologues and Wall Street in- heads a Republican tax-reform comterests. He noted that two earlier mission, warned that the plight of the Republican eras, the Gilded Age of urban poor had become morally

Rather than signaling the rise of a new Republican era, Mr. Phillips bin opened the session by asserting

Jack Kemp, a former congressman and cabinet officer who now

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For that reason, he said Republicans should make raising economic growth rates, not balancing the

budget, their top political priority. Nobody at the session took issue with reports showing that household incomes of those in the bottom 40 percent of the economy have slipped over the last 20 years, when adjusted for inflation, while all the income at Westat Inc., said his studies found growth has been concentrated in the

households in the top 20 percent. But there was a spirited and, in the

"unconscionable" and politically end, unresolved debate over what to

Steven Rattner of Lazard Frères & Co. argued that the key to narrowing the income gap was more and better training programs to get a better match between the jobs demanded by the new economy and skills of workers at the bottom of the income

But Louis Jacobson, a researcher such programs reach only a small portion of the work force that could

Special Counsel to Be Named To Carry Out Gingrich Probe

By John E. Yang Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The ethics committee of the House of Representatives has voted unanimously to appoint an outside counsel to investigate the speaker, Newt Gingrich

The counsel will be limited to examining the question of whether Mr. Gingrich, a Georgia Republican, violated tax laws by using tax-deductible donations to finance a college course he taught in Georgia. In order to begin that inquiry, the committee had to find it had 'reason to believe'' there may have been violations.

The decision, which came late Wednesday after more than six hours of closed-door negotiations among the panel's five Republican members and five Democrats, means that the investigation of Mr. Gingrich's activities begun 15 months ago is likely to stretch into next year's congressional campaigns.

campaigns into a referendum on the House speaker.

Gingrich of any wrongdoing in tion of the ethics committee and his \$4.5 million book contract with HarperCollins, a publishing firm owned by Rimert Mur-doch, the committee expressed missed," Mr. Gingrich said.

NEW YORK - Most American parents

More severe forms of discipline appear to be

much less acceptable, according to the Gallup

One in five of the 1,000 parents surveyed reported himing their kids on the bottom with a belt or brush, and one in 20 admitted striking their child elsewhere on the body with a hard object. The poll on child discipline found that

85 percent of parents said they had used "timeouts," or sent a child to his or her room,

use shouting, timeouts and spanking with a

bare hand to discipline their children, a

strong language.
At the time, Mr. Murdoch was pressing for legislation to Blankley sought to portray.

The committee also for dustry and was facing a challenge before the Federal Communications Commission to his ownership of the Fox Televi-

The panel questioned "the appropriateness of what some House floor to promote the sale could describe as an attempt by you to capitalize on your of-fice." It added, "At a minimum, this creates the impression of exploiting one's office for personal gain. Such a perception is especially troubling when it per-tains to the office of the Speaker of House, a constitutional office requiring the highest standards of ethics behavior."

Tony Blankley, the speaker's press secretary, seized on the counsel's limited scope to claim vindication for Mr. Gingrich. "It's down to a such a narrow point and the special counsel has been limited to that narrow Democrats hope to hum those point," he said, "This can only activities that could result in the be very gratifying for us."

"Obviously I'm pleased by While the panel cleared Mr. the unanimous, bipartisan ac-I am confident after the committee examines the remaining plinary action, ranging from

Taking a Hand to Child-Rearing

Two-Thirds of Parents Polled Don't Spare Spankings

Mr. Gingrich was far from the

that Mr. Gingrich had violated House rules in three other instances by allowing a political adviser, Joseph Gaylord, to work out of his congressional office and by twice using the of videotapes of his college course and a political meeting sponsored by GOPAC, a political action committee that he once headed. In each of those instances, the committee voted against taking any action.

The committee also noted that it was "aware" of allegations that surfaced last week that GOPAC violated federal election laws and that there were apparent links between contributions to GOPAC and Mr. Gingrich's congressional activities.
The committee's action be-

gins a new phase of the investigation into Mr. Gingrich's charges against him. If charges are filed, Mr. Gingrich would have a formal hearing to present a defense. Any major discireprimand to expulsion, would be decided by the full House.

Ten percent said they had shaken the

About 65 percent said they had spanked

About 50 percent said they had slapped their child on the hand, arm or leg.

On attitudes toward discipline and childrearing, half the parents agreed with the statement that it is sometimes necessary to discipline a child with "a good, hard spanking."

About 25 percent of parents agreed that

About 25 percent of parents agreed that praising children too much "may go to their heads."

pleased and could not be hap-

pier," said Ralph Reed, direc-

tor of the Christian Coalition.

which lobbied heavily for the

braska Democrat, who is spon-

soring the Senate measures, de-

Senate and House provisions. Senator J. James Exon, a Ne-

Among the poll's findings:

the child with a bare hand.

Eighty-five percent said they screamed at the child.



President Clinton vetoing the budget plan. He used a pen Lyndon Johnson used 30 years ago for health-care bills.

Clinton Budget Veto Hits Special Interests

Clinton's veto of the Republican bal- 30 anced-budget package dims the tax-relief would cost the government more than \$3 hopes of special interests, ranging from airline companies to restaurant owners to funeral directors.

Special-interest provisions, which would cost the government more than \$3 hopes of special interests, ranging from billion in revenue over seveo years.

This kind of scrutiny will make it more difficult for such provisions as one sought

Lobbyists who, after months of behind-the-scenes effort, cleared hurdles in both the House and Senate and won a place for their provisions in the budget bill now face the prospect of starting all

And their chances of getting their proissue in the budget fight.

"The bill provides unwarranted benefits to corporations and new tax breaks ing manufacturing plants to foreign counfor special interests," Mr. Clinton said tries. Wednesday in his veto message to Con-

payers and special interests," he added. ministration argues.

deemed obscene could still be

works, which children could not

readily tap, also could continue to include the material.

electronic privacy advocates angrily denounced both propos-

als as government censorship

and an enforcement nightmare.

Civil liberties groups and

"These special-interest favors for the well-connected are inappropriate in this deficit-reduction bill. Now is the time to close loopholes and special-interest provisions, not open up new ones."

The administration has targeted nearly special-interest provisions, which

by funeral directors - an increase in the death benefits that can be received taxfree from burial insurance policies.

A White House statement elaborating on Mr. Clinton's reasons for vetoing the budget specifically cited the bill's repeal of a statute known as Section 956A, at a finance reform, became the target of a compromise between cost of \$244 million over seven years. Mr. Clinton and Congress are slimmer Enacted in Mr. Clinton's 1993 budget, because the president made the breaks, Section 956A prevents U.S.-based multi-many of which had bipartisan support, an national corporations from squirreling profits in overseas tax havens and was intended to reduce the incentive for mov-

Also targeted was a two-year extension of relief for airlines from the excise tax on gress.

'The Republican bill contains dozens of relief for airlines from the excise tax on fuel. Airlines' profitability has improved and they do not need the break, the advantage of the profit of t

Illegal Contributions

LOS ANGELES - Korean Airlines pleaded guilty to federal charges of making illegal campaign contributions to the 1992 campaign of Representative Jay C. Kim, Republican of California.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen A. Mansfield said the airline had "agreed to cooperate io an ongoing criminal investigation into campaign finance funds"

tigation into campaign finance funds."

Mr. Mansfield did not disclose the focus of the investigation, but it is known

that Mr. Kim, an advocate of campaign probe into possible election, tax and labor-law violations after the Los Angeles Times reported be secretly used \$485,000 from his engineering corporation to finance his 1992 campaign.

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(AP) and top priority."

Away From Politics

• The new judge in the Oklahoma City bombing case will hear first, next Wednesday, a motion by news organizations to gain access to sealed documents. Judge Richard Matsch was named to the case Monday.

 Bernard Amos, who had been paroled four times, was executed in Huntsville, Texas, for fatally shooting a Dallas police officer almost eight years ago. He said his life was being taken in error.

• Erik Menendez admit-ted on the stand in Los Angeles, as he did in his first murder trial, that he shot his parents to death, saying he did so because he was afraid his father would kill him. His brother Lyle listened intently to the testimony Wednesday. Their first trial ended with a deadlocked jury.

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Limits on On-Line Smut Nearer in U.S.

By Mike Mills Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Conress is on the verge of making it a federal crime to expose minors to dirty words or pictures on the Internet and other on-line

A group of House lawmak-ers, negotiating final details of major telecommunications legislation, agreed Wednesday to apply to computer networks existing sexual content laws designed for broadcasting and telephone conversations.

The provision, like a similar provision in the Senate, would impose prison sentences and ence of up to \$100,000 on say-one who knowingly transmits obscene or indecent material to minors or to public areas of the bled over how or whether to networks where minors might see it. It would apply only to originators of the material, not the on-line companies carrying it.

Wednesday's agreement, if it ment has stepped in to control work to complete the telecomthe ever-growing flow of inbecomes law, would mark the must be reconciled with the

formation over American com-puter networks.

cause the two provisions are so mied that his bill would curb free similar, anti-pomography and speech. Sexual material not

The issue pits people con-cerned that children can easily access hard-core pomography on-line against civil libertarians who say that proposed curbs could restrict free speech and what they see as a blooming form of communication and world community.

Various federal and state

laws have long regulated the sexual content of printed material, broadcast shows and telephone conversations. It is illegal to sell sexual magazines to children, say certain words on TV, for instance, or make unwanted sexual phone calls. Ma-terial deemed obscene is banned

in whatever form it appears. But lawmakers have stumregulate on-line communica-

The House provision now

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religious groups that have decaned obscene could still be pushed for tough restrictions transmitted between consenting

are confident they will prevail.

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Seoul Puts Forces On Defense Alert

North Denounces Move

Agence France-Presse SEOUL — Citing the danger of an attack by North Korea, South Korea put its armed forces on alert Thursday. The North Koreans reacted angrily.

"South Korea's entire armed forces were put on winter vig-ilance and preparedness," the South Korean defense minister, Lee Yang Ho, said after a meeting of air force, army and naval commanders. He said the alert would last for more than four

Mr. Lee warned that North Korea, burdened with economic woes and serious food shortages, might try to launch an attack. He asked South Korean troops to operate a ''crisis management system.'' During the period up to April 30, the military was ordered to prepare "to thwart any possible provoca-tions by North Korea."

North Korea described the move as an attempt to "get out of the political crisis."

who have suffered the worst political crisis over the slush fund scandal, are getting more frantic in confrontation with the North with outcries over the North's provocations," the of-ficial Korean Central News country that had military dic-Agency commented. tatorship
But Mr. Lee said North Kodecades.

China to advise it oo Hong Kong's tran-sition began its last meeting Thursday be-

fore giving way to a new, more powerful panel that will facilitate China's takeover

China's foreign minister, Qian Qichen,

opened the two-day session of the Pre-

liminary Working Committee and urged it

to finish laying the groundwork for its

using its predecessor's recommenda-

The new committee will begin work Jan.

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of the British colony in 1997.

rea, facing a crisis in its leadership, may have "misjudged the situation in the South."

The defense minister instructed commanders oot to be shaken by "public censure arising from wrongs perpetrated by a small number of military personnel in the past.

Last week, Southern military units tightened security after an unusual Northern military buildup of warplanes along the Demilitarized Zone. President Kim Young Sam

warned that North Korea might try to attack South Korea by taking advantage of poliocal turmoil created by the arrest of two former presidents.

Poli Shows Coup Fear About 30 percent of South Koreans worry that the political turnoil created by the arrests may lead to another coup, ac-cording to a poll published Thursday, AFP reported from Seoul. A vast majority, how-The South Korean puppets, ever, thought a coup highly un-

The jailing of the two ex-presidents and a subsequent inquiry into their associates, mostly former military officers. tatorships for more than three

BEIJING - A committee appointed by July 1, 1997. It is to made up of at least 50

Forum to Pave Way on Hong Kong's Future

percent Hong Kong residents; the rest will

of Hong Kong affairs sought to allay fears

that the committee will become a rival center

of power in the final 18 months of British

rule. Xu Ze, head of the political department

in China's Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office, reportedly said the committee's work will aid China after it takes over, not

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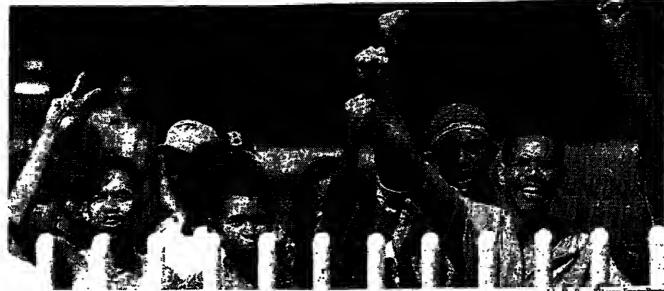
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tions to make decisions on how Hong Kong of Mr. Qian and the other Chinese and Hong many Hong Kong residents anxious.

On Monday, a Chinese official in charge

be appointed by China's Parliament.



East Timorese protesters shouting slogans Thursday after scaling the fence around the Russian Embassy in Jakarta.

JAKARTA - More than 100 East Tim- before dawn, surprising guards. orese stormed the Dutch and Russian cmbassies on Thursday, occupying the build-ings and demanding that a perition for independence be delivered to a United Nations representative.

"They are not seeking asylum," said Vladimir Kalinin, an official with the Russian Embassy. "They only want to draw attention to their struggle for independence of East Timor."

Smaller groups had entered the embassies in recent weeks seeking asylum. The protests mark the 20th anniversary

at the Russian Embassy was calm as it waited for word that its petition had been passed on to the representative of the United Nations in Jakarta.

out in 1975. The Revolutionary Front for man rights violations in Indonesia which an Independent East Timor has been fight-must be corrected." an Independent East Timor has been fighting since then for independence, but it was unclear whether the protests Thursday

The protesters also asked to meet with the visiting UN High Commissioner for two only want a referendum for East Human Rights, José Ayala Lasso, whom Timor and we shall stay here until we get a they want to mediate with Jakarta. Mr. referendum, even to the last drop of our Lasso is in Jakarta to discuss human rights problems with Indonesian leaders.

Later in the day, Mr. Lasso said he could not meet with the protesters because of a

He had met earlier with President Suharto and with a jailed East Timorese resistance leader. He said that, while Indonesia had taken some steps to improve human rights conditions, "There are hu-

Japan's Leader Acts To Force Renewal of U.S. Okinawa Leases

Mr. Ota, with the backing of

More than 75 percent of U.S.

military facilities in Japan are on

Okinawa, the poorest of Japan's

47 prefectures, occupying about

The commander of Ameri-

that U.S. military installations

be reduced gradually.

20 percent of the island.

Compiled by Our Suff From Disputches plete the legal procedures, with TOKYO — Prime Minister the first of the leases due to expire at the end of next March Tomiichi Murayama sought a court order Thursday to force the governor of Okinawa to remost Okinawans, is demanding

new leases for U.S. military bases on the island, which has been rocked by the rape of a schoolgirl. Three U.S. servicemen are

on trial for the Sept. 4 rape. Governor Masahide Ota has refused to sign documents extending the leases on some land. housing U.S. military facilities that landowners refuse to re-

The rape of the 12-year-old schoolgirl triggered a strong reaction against U.S. bases on the island. One of the U.S. servicemen on trial in the case has pleaded guilty.

Mr. Ota has already rejected an order from Mr. Murayama to sign the leases, and the gov-ernor was expected to reject all other orders, including one from the court.

The first hearing on Mr. Mu-ayama's bid, filed with the Naha branch of the Fukuoka High Court, has been set for Dec. 22.

Naha is the capital of Oki-Mr. Murayama is expected eventually to be given the an-thority to sign the contracts

mself to force the landowners to renew their leases. He has little time left to com-

Foreign Ministry spokesman, Chen Jian.

"Taiwan also cannot use any reason to force its system on the mainland." He added, "Dif-

ferent systems should not be an obstacle to

India Rebukes U.S. Aide

NEW DELHI - India has complained to

the United States about "undiplomatic lan-guage" used by a U.S. State Department of-ficial responding to an Indian minister's charges of U.S. interference in Kashmir.

in Washington was quoted in the Indian press

as saying that charges made in the Indian Parliament by the minister of home affairs,

added. "He is an embarrassment to his col-

VOICES From Asia

Vinod Grover, a senior official of the Min-

S.B. Chavan, were "utter nonsense." "Mr. Chavan pops off like that once or month or so on his own," the U.S. official reportedly

leagues in the Indian government.

The unidentified State Department official

talks between the two sides."

can forces in Japan said Thursday that the crisis in Japan-U.S. security ties caused by the rape had "crested," and he forecast an upswing in relations. Speaking on a day when an opinion poll was released showing a record number of

Japanese unhappy about ties with the United States, the commander, Lieutenant General Richard Myers, broke a long public silence on the issue to speak optimistically about the In terms of a crisis, it is my

hope that we have crested," General Myers told a group of foreign reporters in Tokyo. "I don't think we're going to see it get worse. I think we're going see it get better.

He described the incident as a "terrible crime and tragedy" but said he was "surprised" at how the issue had snowballed into the biggest crisis in Japan-U.S. security ties since the end of World War II.

He insisted the rape was an isolated incident and not characteristic behavior of "99.99 percent of U.S. forces.

He said the United States was willing to be as "flexible" as possible in meeting Okinawan demands, both on relocation and requests for forces to be less imrusive in island life.

General Myers said it was for historical reasons, with the invasion of Okinawa near the end of the war, rather than strategic reasons, that 75 percent of U.S. bases were on an island taking up only I percent of Japan's

But he made it clear that any possible changes in deployment must not interfere with the overall number of troops in Japan or their combat readi-

In an example of how U.S. forces have kept a lower profile in maintaining their combat readiness since the rape, artillery units on Okinawa stopped firing practice for 10 weeks, resuming it only last,

"We just can't put people in bunks and blow the whistle when it's time to go" to war, General Myers said in explaining why training must be kept

General Myers said the morale of U.S. forces remained high despite the setback, how-

On Thursday, a major opin-ion poll on Japan-U.S. ties was published showing that, for the first time since the survey start-

ed 17 years ago, more Japanese were unhappy about the rela-tionship than happy. The poll by the Yomiun Shimbun and the Gallup Organization said fewer than one in four Japanese polled, or 23.2 percent, believed relations were good. (Reuters, AP)

Timorese Stage Sit-Ins at 2 Embassies

of Indonesia's invasion of the former Portuguese colony.

Mr. Kalinin said the group of 47 youths

should be run once China takes over on Kong members of the 70-strong body before

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blood," a protester said.

Nearly 60 Timorese youths had forced their way into the Dutch Embassy on

Thursday with similar demands, and the police said they detained 13 East Timorese youths Thursday while they were trying to force their way into the French Embassy. Indonesia took over East Timor after its troops intervened in a civil war that broke

were related to that group.

The United Nations recognizes Portu-

tight schedule."

Also on Thursday, 70 pro-Indonesia youths from East Timor demonstrated outside the Dutch Embassy, unfurling posters calling East Timor the "27th Province of gal, which ruled East Timor for more than Indonesia" and assailing Portuguese lead-400 years, as the region's administrator. ers as "human rights violators."

BRIEFLYASIA

France Fails to Mollify 2 of Its Nuclear Critics

CANBERRA - Australia and New Zealand, the most vigorous critics of French ouclear testing in the South Pacific, reacted sourly Thursday to the French announcement that its tests would end ahead of schedule.

"We do not want fewer tests, we want oone," said Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia. The tests "should never have started and should end immediately," he said. New Zealand welcomed the decision but

warned it would only be happy if the program were scrapped. "I would still like to hear the French say no further tests are necessary at all," said Foreign Minister Don McKinnon. (AFP)

Sri Lanka Warns Rebels

COLOMBO - Lieutenant General Genry de Silva, chief of the Sri Lankan Army, said istry of External Affairs, summoned the U.S. Thursday he would never let Tamil Tiger chargé d'affaires to express India's displea-

General de Silva told the Lankapuvath news agency that the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam were dreaming if they imagined they could take control of the east. "If the Tigers attempt to take control of the east, they will be firmly and severely dealt with," he said.

Military intelligence sources said the Tigers had deployed large groups of fighters to destabilize a region where the army is thinly stretched after pulling out most of its troops for the offensive that captured Jaffna. (Reuters)

Beijing Seeks to Soothe

BEUING - China said Thursday that it would not impose communism on Taiwan in the event of reunification, nor should Taiwan artempt to impose a capitalist system on a reunited

"We, the Chinese central government, will not force our own system on Taiwan," said a ple.

General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the Thai defense minister, reacting to allegations that a Swedish company had bribed Thai politicians in connection with a submarine contract, a charge the Swedes have denied: "I suggested the navy record not have from Sweden because Sweden

panel not buy from Sweden because Sweden has caused a lot of trouble for us." (Reuters)

Chen Jina, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, reacting to press questions on the whereabouts of the boy Beijing has chosen to be the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second-ranking spiritual leader. "To know the address of every average Chinese and introduce them to you is not the ich of the Breeden Ministry. you is not the job of the Foreign Ministry spokesman. To China, the boy you mentioned is just one of the 1.2 billion Chinese people."

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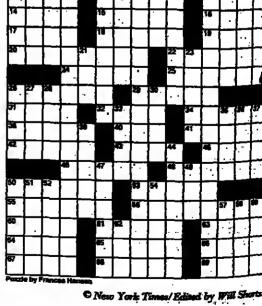
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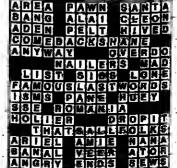
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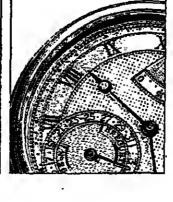
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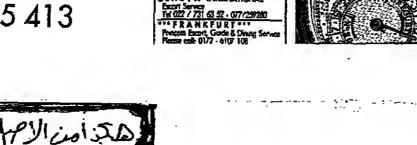
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PARIS — With workers again pouring into the streets in a day of mass action Thursday, the spreading series of strikes and demonstrations in France revealed not one cause for grievance but dozens.

The government's plans to reduce spending on social security and to increase taxes has sparked a bewildering outpouring of discontent. Although unions say their purpose is to halt the reforms proposed by Prime Minister Alain Juppé, the fact is that the unrest is caused largely by disparate groups fighting to protect time-encrusted privileges. .

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Everyone has poured into the breach with his own banner and his own slogan," the weekly Evenement du Jeudi commented.

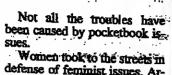
Some commentators have tried to draw parallels with the 1968 uprising, but there is no unified political idea behind the current unrest as there was then. And although both students and workers are striking and demonstrating, there is no effective alliance between the

two groups. According to the philosopher Guy Sorman there is little rational explanation for the unrest that has disrupted peoples' lives and the nation's economy for nearly two weeks

Writing in the magazine L'Express, Mr. Sorman suggested that strikes and demonstrations are a fundamentally French way of defying authority and breaking with routine.

The history of France is full of such moments, which leave some with a bitter taste but others with the feeling that they have taken part in a war or its civil substitute," Mr. Sorman

Behind the strikes is a national blues - a generalized feeling of unhappiness about persistently high unemploy-ment, tax increases and the failure of President Jacques Chirac to keep election promises.



defense of feminist issues. Architecture students occupied a bridge in Paris because responsibility for them has been transferred to the Ministry of Cul-ture, and they fear this could affect their job prospects.

Students in Rouen occupied their university because of lack of funding and overcrowded lecture halls, touching off a student revolt elsewhere in the na-

A hashily convened student council demanded 50 billion francs in credits, creation of 45,000 teaching and support posts, an end to immigration controls on foreign students, a government takeover of private universities and the establishment of family planning clinics in all universities.

They also demanded the abrogation of Mr. Juppé's pro-posed welfare changes.



No question about this French demonstrator's opinion.

BRIEFLYEUROPE

Papandreou Watch: Political Paralysis

ATHENS — Greece was gripped by political paralysis on Thursday amid a widespread consensus that the ailing Socialist prime minister. Andreas Papandreou should be replaced -- a move barred by the constitution while he SS Man in Italy Court

Mr. Papandreou remained for the 18th day in critical condition at an Athens hospital with lung and kidney failure as time on Thursday over Italy's worst senior members of his Socialist Party wartime atrocity, but a decision whether called for a successor and the press said the country needed to be governed.

'Greece needs a prime minister now,' said the Kathimerini newspaper in a front-page editorial. "If the governing party can't give a solution, theo the rest of the political world should demand it with all available democratic means."

Opposition parties also have called for a successor, but all moves are blocked by minister can only be replaced if he resigns

Interior Minister Akis Tsohatzopou- EUBudget Annulled los, a possible successor, is standing in for Mr. Papandreou and will represent Greece at oext week's European Union summit meeting in Madrid.

But constitutional experts said he can carry on as acting prime minister ooly for a limited time and on condition that Mr.

Papandreou is able to return to his duties, erations or require major changes in EU

which seems highly unlikely. A tracheotomy performed Wednesday allowed Mr. Papandreou to communicate. "We are all hanging on his every word," a party official said. "Until now he has only written a note saying, 'I'll get

ROME - Erich Priebke, a former SS captain, was brought to court for the first to commit him for trial for 335 killings was put off on procedural grounds.

About 30 relatives of those shot to death in the 1944 massacre came to the courthouse hoping to coofront Mr. Priebke, but were kept waiting outside the closed-door hearing, attended only by the judge, prosecutors and attorneys.

Thursday's hearing was held to review whether sufficient evidence exists to hold an article in the constitution that the prime a trial before a military court. (Reuters)

BRUSSELS — The European Unioo's court annuled the 1995 EU budget Thursday because of bureaucratic squabbling within the trade bloc, but officials said the verdict would have little impact. It will oot affect the EU's daily op-

spending over the last three weeks of the

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(Reuters)

budget's validity, said an EU spokesman, Klaus van der Pas. "The effect of the budget is preserved," he said. "We can continue op-

Calendar

EU events scheduled Friday:

LONDON: The EU commissioners for relations with Eastern Europe, Hans van den Broek, and for humanitarian aid, Emma Bonino, attend the London Peace Implementation Conference on Bosnia-Herzegovina (until Saturday).

BRUSSELS: Last day of conference for socioprofessional organizations from Europe and from African, Caribbean and Pacific countries.

BRUSSELS: Last day of cooference on drugs in Europe.

BRUSSELS: The commissioner for tourism, Christos Papoutsis, receives Mario D'Addio, the Italian undersecretary of state in charge of tourism, and takes part in the European Commission forum on European tourism.

Sources: Agence Europe, AFP.

Luxembourg Remembers Its Savior - Patton

By Barry James

PARIS - Although he fought in many of the major campaigns in North Africa and Europe during World War The U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, II, General George S. Patton is Clay Constantinou, said be had attend-

Grand Ducky of Luxembourg.

General Patton's death following injuries in a traffic accident in Germany in December. 1945: is being marked with special fervor in Luxembourg, where the general is buried with 5,076 other officers and men of the U.S. Third Army. He is a special hero in Luxembourg, its savior, some believe, for having won the famed Battle of the Balge

A ceremony at General Patton's graveside in the Hamm military ceremony, set for Friday, is the last of the many commemorative events in Europe marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the war.

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street or square named after the soldier who is bailed as the nation's liberator, and one, Ettelbruck in the Ardennes, calls itself unofficially Patton Town. nowhere better remembered than in the ed 75 Patton-related events since his arrival 18 months ago.

The ceremooy Friday, he said, will be an opportunity to bring together hundreds of Luxembourg and American schoolchildren in order to keep the Patton flame alight for the next gen-

The general's granddaughter, Helen Patton Plusczyk, who teaches at Northwestern University in Illinois, also planned to attend the ceremony along with Grand Duke Jean, Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker as well as the chief of staff of the US. European Command, Lieutenant General Richard Keller.

Luxembourgers credit the Third 60.

Most towns in Luxembourg bave a Army with twice saving their country, treet or square named after the soldier first in September 1944 when it ended the Nazi occupation of the capital and again in January 1945 when it smashed the German counteroffensive in the Ardennes, the Battle of the Bulge.

After stopping the German push, General Pattoo drove his troops across Germany, taking tens of thousands of demoralized prisoners. At the end of hostilities on May 7, 1945, the Third Army was inside Czecboslovakia.

General Pattoo was removed from command of the Third Army in October 1945 because of his outspoken criticism of the allied de-Nazification program and given responsibility for a force that existed mostly only on paper, the 15th Army. On the way to a pheasant shoot,

General Patton was injured when his car collided with an army truck on Dec. 9, 1945. He died in an army hospital in Heidelberg on Dec. 21 at the age of

The general's widow, with the concurrence of the U.S. War Department, decided that be should be buried in

And since he had always said that he wanted to be buried among his meo, it seemed appropriate that be should lie among some 10,000 dead of the Third Army in Luxembourg.

The bodies of many have been repa-triated, and General Pattoo's grave is one of the 5,076 that remain in the Hamm military cemetery, just outside

the city of Luxembourg.

The grave was originally one in a row of identical white markers. But so many people visited it, with consequent damage to the surroundings, that it was moved to a spot of its own and surrounded by a paved path.

Apart from this, however, there is nothing to distinguish it from any other tomb in the cemetery as befitting, Mr. Constantinou said, of "a man of deep humility."

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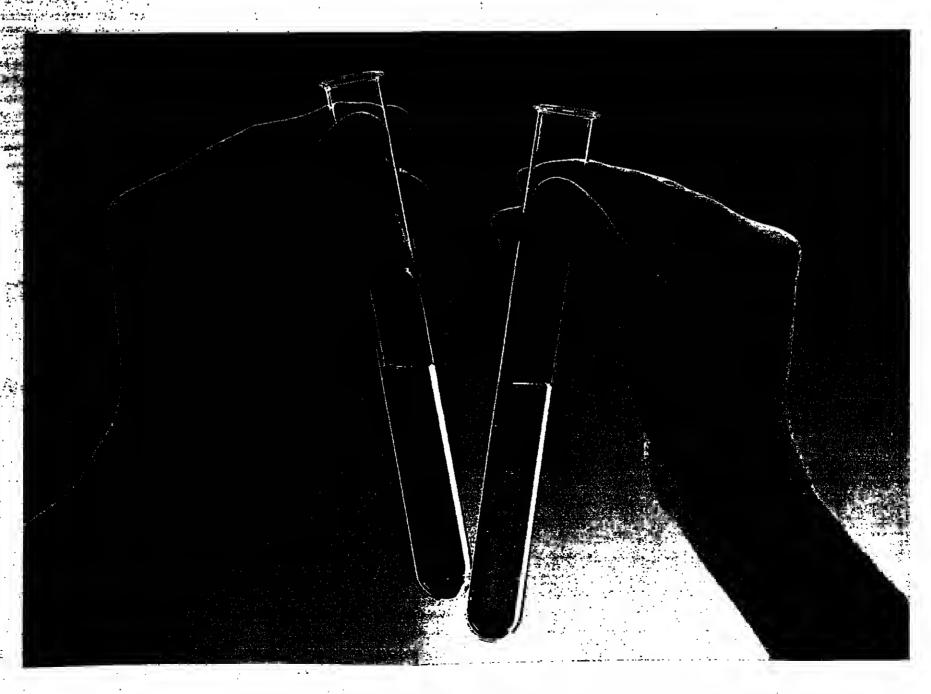
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The Check Is Often in the Mail As Russians Pick Parliament

By David Hoffman

for one of the oldest rules of incumbency: How to shower the voters with cash before an

The Russian government, which has often complained of being broke and has frequently been months behind in meeting payrolls, is suddenly flush, Leading up to the Dec. 17 parliamentary election, the Russian Treasury has been pump-ing out money to a host of angry voters, from coal miners to pensioners to teachers.

Mr. Chemomyrdin's party, Our Home Is Russia, has hillboards all over Moscow picturing a smiling prime minister with his hands together at an angle in the shape of an A-frame roof. Vote for Our Home Is Russia, it suggests, "if you value your home." Inexplicahly, the hillboard uses the same image - a roof - that Russians popularly associate with mafia protection.

The party, often dubbed "the party of power" because its base is among the bureaucratic apparatus of the regime, is presenting itself as a centrist alternative that will preserve stahility. But polls show that many voters are not particularly satisfied with the status quo. Mr. Chemomyrdin's party has seemed to be struggling and in recent weeks the prime minister has responded with generous dollops of cash and promises.

Russia's payments to 37 mil-lion pensioners have been chronically late, especially since Parliament increased pensions last summer. But as the election approached — pen-sioners are a bulwark of the Communist Party vote — back payments were cleared up.
"Today we have paid out

everything down to the last ruhle," said the first deputy prime minister, Anatoli B. Chubais.

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midst of a privatization program MOSCOW — Prime Min- in which it is exchanging shares ern Russia threatened recently ister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin in state-owned companies for to strike, their protests were

has never before campaigned loans from banks. The plan re- heard in Moscow. The governfor public office, but he has cently brought in more than already displayed a fine touch \$500 million, Mr. Chubais said. Mr. Chemomyrdin, the former gas industry chief executive who was appointed to his post by President Boris N.

Yeltsin, recently promised relief to chief editors of Russia's troubled newspapers, which have been laboring under the high costs of newsprint and distribution. Mr. Chernomyrdin said a new law on financial sup-port of the media would take effect early next year. At a meeting with the editors, the prime minister asked them

not to give so much attention to extremists - or "odious candidates" - among more than 5,000 running for the 450-seat lower house of Parliament.
"You must not allow your-

selves to be pulled along by checks lately.

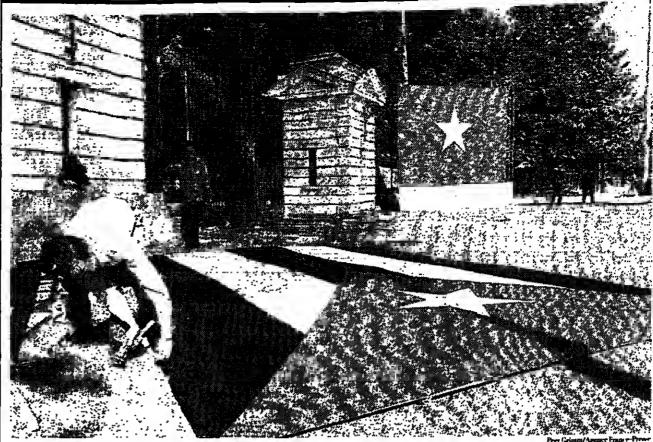
Where did the money come idiots," Mr. Chernomyrdin imfrom? The government is in the plored the editors.

When coal miners in northment said it would allocate \$109 million to pay back wages to the miners. After exporters complained that they suffer because of the ruble's low value com-

pared with the dollar, the gov-

ernment slashed export duties. The army has been issuing ever-louder complaints about delayed wages and shortages of equipment and training. Moreover, the bloody suppression of the separatist movement in Chechnya has been costly. The military-industrial complex, too, has complained about the government's failure to pay for orders. So Mr. Chernomyrdin promised that Russia would pay debts to the armed forces in full

hy the end of the year. Teachers are among others who also have seen fatter pay-



HANOI GETS READY FOR CASTRO - A Vietnamese finishing a Cuban flag for Fidel Castro's visit Sunday.

KOREA: After the Boom, Nation Is Growing Up Politically

Continued from Page 1

place in large part because of the economic successes that within one generation increased the average household income more than tenfold. A new and broadening middle class has lent stability to the country and allowed it to both pressure the government for reforms, and withstand the shock of

sudden change.
"Many Koreans are encouraged that we are capable of such radical surgery to the body politic, and feel we will emerge the healthier for it," Mr. Lho said.

Mr. Roh has already acknowledged amassing a \$650 secret fund from corporate bribes. There is much public speculation that Mr. Chun's slush fund may have been even higger.

Along with the money scandal, the two former leaders also could face prosecution for murder.

The current president, Kim Young Sam, recently announced he would back special legislation to facilitate prosecuting the two army generals for

protesters. Official counts say 200 people died in the city of Kwangju, but many others believe the real figure is far higher. An impartial inquiry into who ordered the shonting of Kwangju Lho. civilians has never been conducted, and there is sudden hope that at least some of the truth may now emerge.
"Puning these men on trial would

not have been possible five years ago," said Kim Byung Konk, a political scientist at Korea University. Now, however, the "new political cul-ture allows" the public to seek justice. Because the military has been purged of those men that were "politically oriented," Koreans also feel that they can pursue democracy without jeopardizing national security, he said.

When voters go to the polls for National Assembly elections in April and the presidential election in 1997, they are expected to seek even more

These elections could completely wipe out the old guard, those politicians in their 60s and 70s with con-

their part in a 1980 massacre of citizen nections to Mr. Roh and Mr. Chun. "We will probably see the emer-gence of a rather different generation, a younger one more capable, and probably more professional," said Mr.

> President Kim is striving to distance himself and his party from the recent scandals. He changed his party's name this week from the Democratic Liberal Party to the New Korea Party. He is planning a cabinet reshuffle. But political observers here say that,

> despite his symbols of a new day, Mr. Kim is tainted by yesterday's problems. In his effort to get elected, he merged his party with that of his predecessor and friend Mr. Roh.

Even though some are pleased he has thrown his weight behind the pros-ecution of Mr. Chun and Mr. Roh, others say he had little choice. Public demonstrations over the maner were

But Mr. Kim can be credited with starting a string of democratic reforms that now have such momentum there seems to be no end in sight.

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ensure social cohesion," he said.

The determined message on a single currency was part of a broader initiative agreed by Mr. Kohl and Mr. Chirac aimed at reviving the process of European integration and setting an agenda for reforming the European Union to enable the bloc to take in new

members in Eastern Europe.

Mr. Chirac also won Mr. Kohl's backing for German participation in two European spy satellites, a key French defense aim. "Germany and France both think it is necessary for Europe to develop some knowledge in this key area, for political, economic and technological reasons," they said in a joint statement.

Mr. Kohl said he wanted the program to be open to other countries, particularly the United States, although he did not make clear if the American role would be an operational one or as a user of its information.

The two leaders' agenda for EU reform included the clearest call yet for

SUMMIT: Kohl Backs Chirac on Reform different levels of policy cooperation to prevent the Union from hitting dead-lock as its membership grows and loses cohesion. In a four-page letter ad-dressed to Prime Minister Felipe Gon-

zález of Spain ahead of a summit meeting of EU leaders in Madrid on Dec. 15 and 16, Mr. Kohl and Mr. Chirac called for introducing a clause in the Union's founding Treaty of Rome that would permit states with the commitment and the capacity to develop closer cooperation among themselves." We want to exclude no one in Eu-

rope," Mr. Kohl said, "but we also do not want to have the slowest nation set the pace. German and French officials said the

clause was aimed at preventing a recurrence of the problems that nearly killed the Maastricht treaty, which was saved only by allowing Denmark and Britain to opt out of key provisions including a single currency. French officials also are eager to prevent new neutral members like Sweden from blocking its efforts to develop an EU

Clashes Mar Big Victory By Party of Muba-Mubarak

Complete to Ox Sigli From Dispusibes CAIRO - The Egyptian governing party won an overwhelm-

ing parliamentary majority in elections during which thugs roamed the countryside armed with clubs and firearms and at least 28 people were killed. Interior Minister Hassan Alfi said Thursday that the govern-

ing National Democratic Party of President Hosni Mubarak had won 317 of the 444 seats at stake in the two rounds of voting.

Independents, including many expelled from the party for insisting on standing against

its nominees, won 114 seats. Political sources said many of these had already rejoined the mese nad arready rejoined the party, giving it a crushing majority for five more years.

Opposition parties, which won a total of only 13 seats, continued to assert that the police, supporters of the governing party and the local authorities

party and the local authorities had connived to rig the voting.

"From the start, the whole

thing was ridiculous," Ibrahim Abaza, deputy secretary-general of the liberal Wafd party, which won five seats. "It proves the corruption of the government and the need for immediate political reforms." Independent monitoring

groups came to the same conclusion, and the country's main human rights group, the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, asked Mr. Mubarak to cancel the election results.

The Interior Ministry, which ran the elections, reported irregularities by all political groups, but Mr. Alfi gave no indication the government would back down on its view that the elections had reflected the will of the people.

At least 15 people were killed, dozens were wounded and more than 100 arrested Wednesday when gangs of rival supporters clashed around the country.

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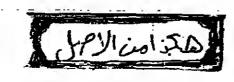
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Dmitri Volkogonov Dies, General Was Stalin's Biographer

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

MOSCOW - Colonel General Dmitri A. Volkogonov, 67, a Soviet Army historian who lost his illusions about communism and helped strip his countrymen of theirs, died of stomach cancer opposing the war in Chechnya. Wednesday in Moscow.

General Volkogonov's biographies of Stalin, Trotsky and Lenin, based on secret docu- a final tribute to the man who ments to which he had unique called access in the 1970s and 1980s as chief of the military's psychological warfare department. helped force Russians to redefine the way they looked at the

While the crimes of Communist leaders were well-known to Western scholars, General Volkogonov was the first Soviet on 3,724 top secret documents historian, and the only Soviet and published in 1991, was almilitary scholar, to document them in a systematic way.

He was a breakthrough figure - a man who began his career as an orthodox party member,

Switzerland Aids Russia in Saving A Virgin Forest

GENEVA — A multimil-lion-dollar Swiss grant will help environmentalists in Russia protect the Siberian tiger and the snow leopard and safeguard

a vast virgin forest. The Swiss government on generally agreed previously on Thursday awarded 5 million about 3 billion years. Swiss francs (\$4.3 million) to the World Wide Fund for Nature to be used in Russia.

The Fund's main project will be to ensure the protection of the Pechora Ilvich reserve, Europe's largest virgin forest.

year program include helping Russian authorities to protect threatened animals like the Siberian tiger and snow leopteaching Marxist-Leninist pro-paganda, and ended it as a hardline anti-Communist.

A liberal member of Parliament and a military adviser to President Boris N. Yehsin of Russia, General Volkogonov lost favor in the Kremlin by

On Wednesday, the State Duma, the lower house of Parliament, stood in silence to pay himself "the black sheep' of Soviet generals.

His biography of Stalin, which was banned by the party's Central Committee when he completed it in 1983, created a furor when it was published in 1988 under Mikhail S. Gor-

bachev's policy of glasnost. His exposé of Lenin, based most as controversial because it painted the Bolshevik leader, who many still revered, as ruthless and immoral.

Clair C. Patterson, 73, Dated Age of the Earth

LOS ANGELES (LAT) -Clair C. Patterson, 73, a California Institute of Technology geochemist who dated the age of the Earth and discovered lead contamination in modern man, leading to the Clean Air Act of 1970, died Tuesday in Sea Ranch in Northern California.

His first landmark research occurred in 1953 when he pinpointed the age of the Earth at. 4.6 billion years. Scientists had

Lord Matthews of Southte, a British press baron better known as Victor Collin Matthews, the former proprietor of the Express Newspapers in London and commander in Other projects in the four- chief at Cunard Cruise Ships and the Queen Elizabeth 2, died Toesday, his 76th birthday. News reports said he died of cancer near Saint Brelade on newspaper. the Channel Island of Jersey.



WAR AND PLAY IN KABUL - A boy throwing snowballs with a catapult on Thursday in the Afghan capital as government soldiers work on captured rebel tanks in the background.

Ads Seek to Justify Nigerian Acts

By Paul Lewis New York Times Service

NEW YORK --- Nearly a month after Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other human rights campaigners were hanged in Nigeria for the murders of four pro-government chiefs in the Ogoni region, the families and supporters of the slain chiefs have begun an international campaign that seeks to justify the executions and portray Mr. Saro-Wiwa as a man of vio-

'Over time, we've been looking for an opportunity to get the facts Chief Samuel N. Orage, one of the constitutional trial.

four chiefs who were killed in May 1994, said in a telephone interview from Washington. "We are trying to put down the correct version of what happened. The campaign, including a two-

advertisement \$102,.75 that appeared Wednesday in The New York Times, coincides with advertisements that have been placed by the Nigerian government in South Africa, Ghana and Zimbabwe that accuse the Western oews media of distorting the case against Mr. Saro-Wiwa and asserting that he and the other human "Desmond L. Orage, the son of rights activists received a fair and

Times Rebuffs Japan Rightists

Times has declined to publish a full-page ad submitted by a con- Japanese troops in 1937 butchered as servative Japanese group denying that Japan was at fault in World

War II, a spokeswoman for the newspaper said Thursday. The spokeswoman, Nielsen, said the ad "didn't meet the standards of decency" set by the

"We were particularly con-

cerned about the ad's denial of the NEW YORK --- The New York Rape of Nanking," she said, imes has declined to publish a During their invasion of China,

many as 300,000 civilians in Nanking, according to Chinese his-torians. It is still a sensitive issue in China. Commenting on the Japanese group's plan for the ad, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, Chen Jian, denounced its allegations as purely fictitinus," Agence France-Presse reported from Beijing.

"In this newspaper you will find an accurate and concise account of the events which led to my father's death and ultimately Ken Saro-Wiwa's prosecution, conviction and execution," Mr. Orage said in an open letter accompanying the ad-

The advertisement asserts that Mr. Saro-Wiwa included the four slain Ogoni chiefs in a list of "vultures" whn "deserve to die."

The letter included an address for Mr. Orage at Post Office Box 741115, Los Angeles, 90004. The advertisement was placed by the Knbani, Badey and Orage Memorial Foundation of Philadelphia and gave a chronology of events dating from 1990, when the Movement for the Survival of the Ogoni People was founded by 12 tribal chiefs to press for rights of the ethnic group, to the convictioo of the nine activists. Mr. Saro-Wiwa had been the movement's spokesman.

The foundation is named after Chief Edward Kobani, Chief Samuel N. Orage, Albert T. Badey and Chief Theophilous B. Orage, the four Ogoni leaders who were killed. A post office box and phone number in Philadelphia were given. The phone number was for the law office of Leonard H. Bermett, according to a

James Reston, Columnist And Times Editor, Dies

By R.W. Apple Jr. New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — James Reston, 86, the former New York Times columnist, Washington correspondent and executive editor, died of cancer Wednesday night at his home in Washington.

First as a reporter and then, beginning in 1953, as a columnist, Mr. Reston was perhaps the most influential journalist of his generation. In Washington, where he was based, and also in capitals around the world, he had unrivaled access to the high and the mighty. Yet he retained a wry, selfdeprecating personality, free of bombast, and always sought tn reduce political complexity to plain language.
"What I try to do," he said, "is write a

letter to a friend who doesn't have time to find out all the goofy things that go on in Washington.

Interested in China and the Soviet Union as well as the United States, a student of domestic politics as well as diplomacy, he won two Pulitzer Prizes and dozens nf other awards.

Mr. Reston was forgiving of the frailties of soldiers, statesmen and party hacks - too forgiving, some of his critics said, because he was too close to them. But his stern moral standards, rooted in the Victorian values of his youth, never wavered. He remained an idealist in a world of cynics.

From his strong-minded mother he inherited a Presbyterian conscience and an abiding sense of duty and responsibility. Work hard, he was taught. Work for large goals that transcend self-interest. Be cooperative. Be modest

A talent scout of prodigious capacity, Mr. Reston hired and trained many of The Times' best-known journalists, and served as mentor to many more. Tn each of them, he passed along a lifetime's lessons about craft and country.

Mr. Restoo's 50-year association with The Times began when he joined its Londnn bureau on Sept. I, 1939, the day Hitler's armies marched into Poland, igniting World War II. It was a fitting day on which to start his career at the paper, much of which would be spent recording and reflecting upon the aftermath of that fateful

His nationally syndicated column appeared regularly until 1987, wheo he be-came senior columnist. He retired from The Times in 1989, without ceremony, oo his 80th birthday.

In an interview marking the occasioo, he said the twn greatest political triumphs in his lifetime had been the common defense

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Mr. Reston, a giant in his profession.

War II and the improvement in the lnt of hlack people in America since 1960. Mr. Reston, whn was born in Scotland, described the men who met in Philadelphia in 1787 to draft the Constitution as the great heroes in his adopted country's history. The document that they produced, he said, made possible "the triumph of the mod-

erates" over the next two centuries. A moderate himself, hostile to both fascism and communism, he described jnurnalism's role in their eclipse as "nne of the great pleasures of my life."

Asked whom he had most admired, t be chose Jean Monnet, the French visionary who conceived the European Community. He said Mnnnet was the greatest man he had ever known as well as the person who had most deeply influenced his own thinking. Monnet proved, Mr. Reston often said, that "if you don't demand credit for things, you can push them through."

Mr. Reston thought of himself primarily as a reporter, and be ofteo beat his competitors to be the first tn write about major news events. His coverage of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference in 1944, which laid the groundwork for the United Natinns, won him his first Pulitzer, in 1945.

His articles disclosed the substance of secret documents being circulated among delegations from the United States, the Soviet Unioo, Britain and China on the structure of the proposed organization. Mr. Reston won his second Pulitzer in

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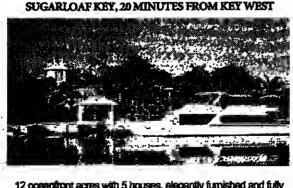
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SARAJEVO — Yugoslavia rebuffed warnings by France on Thursday of possible retaliation unless two French pilots downed by Bosnian Serbs three months ago were freed, calling the threats unacceptable and counterproductive.

The Foreign Ministry in Belgrade was responding to a warning by President Jacques Chirac to President Slobodan Milosevic on Wednesday that he would "draw all the appropriate conclusions" if the two were not freed rapidly.

French officials, however, made it clear that the fate of the pilots would not affect the signing of the Bosnian peace accord in Paris on Thursday, in which Mr. Milosevic will take part.

Advance units of NATO troops who will enforce the agreement are already in Bosnia to prepare for the arrival of 60,000 more soldiers.

European and North American foreign ministers were meeting in Budapest on Thursday to approve a plan for elec-tions in Bosnia, a major pillar of the peace accord dividing the country into Muslim-Croatian and Serbian halves.

France hinted earlier Thursday that it might strike at the captors of the airmen shot down during NATO air raids against Bosnian Serbs in August, but it gave no direct indication that it knew who was holding them or where they were.

"The pilots must be freed immediately," said the Foreign Ministry spokesman, Jacques Rummelhardt. If they are not, he said, the consequences "will strike those who are responsible for their detention and those who bave not respected their commitments.'

Foreign Ministry sources said the word "strike" was a veiled threat of force aimed partly at Mr. Milosevic, who has said he felt a personal responsibility for the two air-

The Yugoslav Foreign Ministry, in a statement on Thursday carried by the Tanjug news agency, rejected "all tendentious interpretations of the incident" and attempts to "misuse it in order to exert pressure on, and make threats against, the Federal Republic of Yu-

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"The fact that efforts so far by Serbian refugees from other UN peacekeepers, have not yielded the expected areas, in violation of the Daycere interest and readiness to norities to live in their bornes. clear up this case."

The last official word on the High Radovan Karadzic, said they had been captured and taken to a hospital but were later kid- in the village of Dubrave in said. napped by an unknown group. French officials described the explanation as "grotesque."

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization staged three abortive rescue missions for the drafters of the Dayton deal had two in September.

The French magazine VSD said in an article published on Thursday that French secret services had located the two near the Bosnian Serbian headquarters at Pale, near Sarajevo, at a private property owned by an officer close to Bosnian Serbian Army commander, General Ratko Mladic.

In Bosnia, United Nations officials reported that Muslim families in northern Bosnia had been evicted from their homes

into question Yugoslavia's sin- cord guarantees the rights of mi- not sent here to stop civil pop-A spokesman for the UN own houses." a UN spokespilots was on Oct. 18, when the Refugees in Sarajevo, Kris Vernon, said, "You've got to Bosnian Serbian leader, Janowski, said they had reports ask NATO this: Do they think of about 60 Muslim families that's what they're coming for? being evicted from their homes It's not my understanding," be

> bian heartland. Relief experts fear that coodermining whatever hope about postwar Bosnia functioning as a multiethnic society.

> In another development, the United Nations on Thursday defended its failure to intervene in parts of Bosnia where Croatian forces are systematically burning and looting towns and said it did not think NATO troops would get involved in similar circumstances.

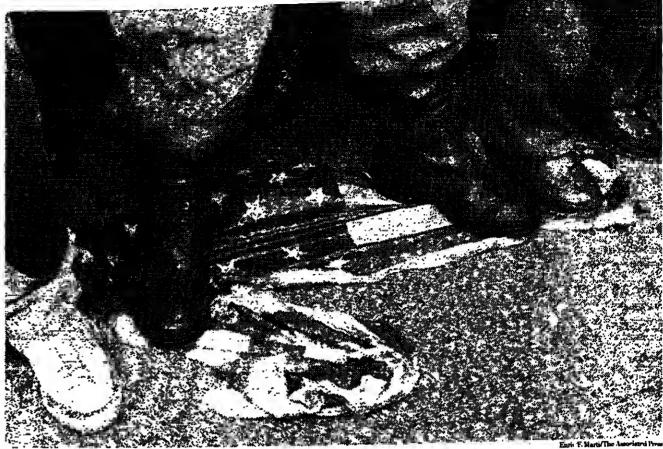
> The same British forces will be on the ground in these areas for NATO when it deploys later this month as are there now as

"If you look at our mandate, results do not in any way bring ton, Ohio, agreement. The ac- our interpretation is we were ulations burning down their Commissioner for man, Lieutenant-Colonel Chris (Reuters. AP) northern Bosnia, a Bosnian Ser-

■ U.S. Lawmakers Balk Nearly half of the House of tinued ethnic cleansing is un- Representatives urged President Bill Clinton on Thursday not to send U.S. peacekeeping troops to Bosnia, Reuters reported from Washington.

A 10-word letter to Mr. Clinton stating simply, "We urge you not to send ground troops to Bosnia," was signed by 184 members, just 34 short of a 218

majority.
"We should send troops into battle only when America's se-curity is at risk." Representative Bob Inglis, a South Car-olina Republican, said. The letter was signed by 171 Republicans and 13 Democrats.



Bosnian Serbs treading on an American flag Thursday in Sarajevo to protest provisions of the Dayton peace accord.

GERMANY: Stakes Go Beyond Borders as Country's Lumbering Capitalism Faces a Critical Test Over the Course of Reform

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recent conversation, "we need a crisis, a recession." But during the last recession politicians said the opposite, namely that to iotroduce reforms they needed a period of growth.

In broader terms, what happens in German capitalism will have an impact far beyond the borders of Europe's biggest economy. Because of Germany's sway over the rest of the continent, its slowness or inability to make critical changes in certain sectors could be a drag on the pace of change elsewhere in Europe.

Among financial institutions, German banks and insurers undoubtedly enjoy the most clout in Europe because of their capital strength. But German financial markets remain a clubby affair.

The Frankfurt bourse is small compared to the City of London or to Wall Street, the interests of minority investors are not well looked after, insider trading bas legations of management fail-The ministry continued: been rampant until laws were ures at Daimler-Benz, which is network of medium-sized com-

toughened only very recently, and a few big institutions such as Deutsche Bank still enjoy enormous power.

David Hermann, chairman of Adam Opel AG, the German enues, "the share price reflects don't have enough big inter-people's expectations about the national companies." future. But not in Germany because this is not a real market. Here the shares are locked up with emotions and vast block control of shares by the big So there is no shareholder

who can vote with his feet." Few questions are as controversial in Germany — and remain as unresolved — as that of the way big banks retain large stakes in industry. Deutsche Bank has had its reputation tarnished over the past year by the Metallgesellschaft scandal, where the bank was both a lender and a sharebolder,

and by the huge losses and al-

24.4 percent owned by Deutsche Bank.

Jürgen Krumnow, a member of the board of Deutsche Bank, In the United States," said acknowledged in an interview that "we need more reform in German capitalism, we need subsidiary of General Motors more deregulation, our stock with \$20 billion of annual rev- market is too small and we Mr. Krumnow, one of the

new generation of Deutsche executives, said "it would be great if we could sell our stakes in industrial companies," but he complained of "tax obstacles" such as beavy capital gains taxes that the bank would need to pay on its profit wheo disposing shareholdings. What is needed, he said, are some tax breaks.

The way Germany's oli-garchical group of hig banks exent power over the oational economy is seen by critics as bolding back entrepreneurs, and even decying the oxygen of fresh capital to members of the Mittelstand, Germany's famed

panies. For example, Jürgen Grossmann, owner and chairman of Georgsmarienhuette, a Lower Saxony manufacturer of precision engineering steels, said his company, with 700 mil-lion Deutsche marks (\$485 millioo) of annual revenues, had difficulty getting loans from banks because of the cozy relationship between big banks

and big companies. "No German bank will lend me money at the moment," said Mr. Grossmann, "because the steel business is dominated by the big steel companies which are in the hands of the big banks. They see me as disturbing the system, and that's O.K. with me. I am profitable and I doo't want any loans from

In an effort to be more international, meanwhile, Deutsche Bank has shifted its investment banking to London, while Dresdner Bank has acquired the British merchant bank Kleinwort Bensoo. But this has been criticized back in Frankfurt, which aspires to be-come a more relevant European growing areas such as East Asia financial center.

Rudiger von Rosen, managne director of Deutsches Aktieninstitut, the institution which promotes German equi-

here on the supply side is more companies going public and on the demand side convincing German investors to buy shares.

The criticism of German institutions with plenty of brute power but little imagination is not limited to finance, however. Industry is also under fire for not moving fast enough to restructure

Reimut Jochimsen, a Bundesbank council member, blames the currently slow pace of change partly on the reuniting of east and west Germany in 1990. "Unification," said Mr. Joch-imsen, "produced an inward looking Germany, and has aggravated our challenges." said the problem was that "our big companies, Daimler-Benz and all the others, took a loog time to learn how to be competitive."

Ludolf von Wartenberg, director-general of the German industry federation, noted that many companies were transfer- the Czech Republic on our and Eastern Europe, and thus exporting jobs.

In the last five years, he not-ed, German companies have invested some 173 billion DM outside Germany, and only 25 billion DM in Germany. The trend is likely to continue; according to many German financial and industrial leaders.

All of this discussion goes under the umbrella phrase of what is known in Germany tocan remain competitive as a manufacturing location.

so apparently disoriented is that plobalization has come rapidly to German industry in recent

doorstep," Mr. Bodin ex-plained, "with cheap costs, and "In the future," said Mr. von structural change, and an un- on the diagnosis of the problem Wartenberg, "our competitive-ness will not be measured by reason." Opel's Mr. Hermann won.

ties, said that "what is needed the 'Made in Germany' label argues that German companies here on the supply side is more but by labels that show the will have enormous problems product was designed or en- because the old German system gineered here, but built in east- of consensus, of trade union em Europe, or the United representatives sitting on company boards, of social solidarity, may oo longer function at a

time of radical change. "I don't see enough change occurring either in Bonn or with the unions," Mr. Hermann

"They are not moving forward and we have some very serious problems on our doorstep.

Others believe that Germany day as Standort Deutschland, a will master the period of change debate about whether Germany between now and the year 2000, and they point to the proposal to amufacturing location. forgo wage increases in ex-Manfred Bodin, chairman of change for job security that was the Norddentsche Landesbank, made recently by Klaus Zwickobserved that part of the reason el, president of IG Metall, the why Germany's Old Guard is powerful and militant German trade union.

The Zwickel proposal is seen by many as a sign that German unions have become more prag-Now we have countries like matic and that reforms can be introduced without the kind of Mr. Bodin ex- social unrest seen to France.

No one thinks the change many of our jobs will be ex will come easily, but in Ger-ported. This is a moment of many, as elsewhere, agreement

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LANDMINES MUST BE STOPPED

ECONOMY: Germany's Slowdown Sends a Shudder Through Europe

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for several months of stagna-

Such a period of very low growth, perhaps no more than I percent, could further damage the chances of France's achiev-Europe's single currency project, economists added.

It could also dampen growth prospects throughout Europe, since Germany and France together account for 43 percent of the European Union's output.

"There is a very good correlation between German and
French growth," Mr. Jessop
said. "What was particularly

Growth in the United States
would be 2.1 percent and in
Japan 2.3 percent, the
economists said. worrying about the latest German figures is that the GDP number was flattered because rates, except in Japan, and sta-companies had built up a lot of ble currencies," they wrote. stock they could not sell."

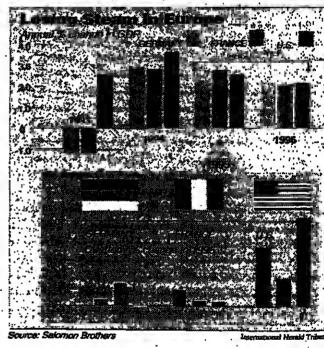
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"In most Continental Eurocan countries recovery began quarters of negative growth — two years ago and the speed has they could still both be headed slowed down nearly everytwo years ago and the speed has where without there being the danger of recession so far," Hans Tietmeyer, the Bundesbank president, said Thursday in Hamburg.

But he also warned that "uning enough growth to slash its solved structural problems are budget deficits and qualify for surfacing more and more, and this is true for Germany too."

Also Thursday, economists at Salomon Brothers Inc. forecast an average 1996 growth rate of 2.2 percent for the Group of Seven leading industrialized

'Overail, the 1996 outlook favors moderate growth, lower



FRANCE: Juppé Picks Mediator to Resolve Nation's Labor Unrest

October and said France would face two years of austerity to bring down public deficits and meet the criteria necessary to effective because it is a r join Germany in moving to a common European currency. The strike has sorely tested

the patience and resources of millions of beleaguered com-

the French public appears to have cast its sympathy with the rail strikers who have perpetrate or care and delayed pensions for the public sector, aides say, he rail strikers who have perpetrate or care and delayed pensions for vacations, subsidized holidays, universal health care, lifetime was prepared for a brutal show-

effective because it is a reminder of how unhappy every-

down with the country's 2.2 mil-The strike has proved very lion public sector employees. They say that in deciding to

take drastic action to curtail France's \$65 billion public

body is with the way they are governed," said Brigitte Chapelon, a 40-year-old clerk.

When Mr. Juppe unveiled his workers who jealously guard workers who jealously guard muters. Yet, in a profound mis-calculation by the government, austerity plan calling for higher the perquisites that ran up much taxes, tighter controls on health of that deficit — six-week paid

large would perceive the aus-terity program as a threat to their own well-being, rather than view it as a necessary mea-

job security and retirement as

early as age 50.
What the prime minister did

not expect, a close associate

said, was how the people at

sure to restore financial health. Michel Crozier, a sociologis and author of a book diagnosin France as a "blocked society. blames the elite graduates of the School of National Administration, or ENA, and other "Grandes Ecoles" who have

Serbs, or the Serbs more than the Croats, we've become part of the many of their senior sides are products of ENA, Mr. Crozies pointed out, and they reinforce each other's view that they know

> "If you graduate from ENA.
> you are told that you know evalong with the corruption and the mapility to solve scrious problems like imemployment

TROOPS: What Price Glory? First, A Head of Hair

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minute sessions with his various tiality" armor, cavalry and artillery battalions, Colonel Fontenot has pulled no punches.

ing that "it's going to be the most exhilarating 12 months of your life." And he has reminded them of the oath they swore colone! Fontenot moved onto

With a red marking pen, he runs Bosnia But I have a job to "Grandes Ecoles" who have scribbled three guiding pre- do. That means we don't treat one come to dominate the political cepts on an overhead projector screen: "legitimacy," "impartiality" and "force protection of the control of the

"Remember, we have a right to be in Bosnia," he said. "We His speeches have drawn on nearly a quarter-century's expected by a quarter-century's expected command of a banalion during the Gulf War.

I see it, I'll shoot it. If a guy fires one AK-47 round at you, I want you to fire 900 aimed M-16

He has urged the troops to you to fire 900 aimed M-16

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Serbs, or the Serbs more than the

He has urged the troops to you to fire 900 aimed M-16 and your howitzer are on the talk about their fears and their rounds back at him. But I want road doing the right thing, the you to think before you do it, to think about your obligation not to kill people unnecessarily or damage the infrastructure. you deal with that? Discipline. Discipline, friends, is what you when nobody else is

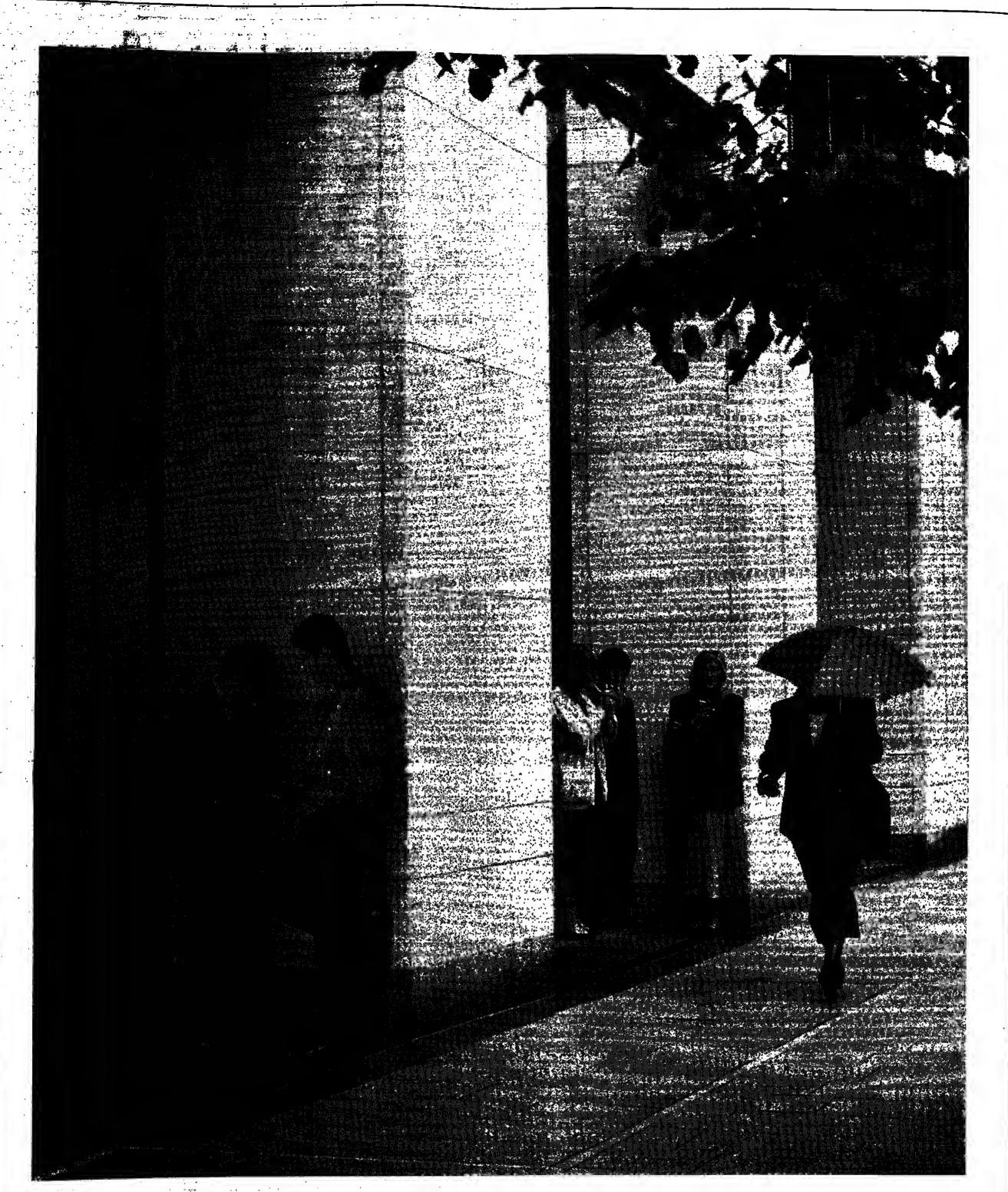
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NATO's Evolution

As NATO gathers a force of 60,000 troops to help secure the peace in Bosnia, the Atlantic alliance is shaking off some cobwebs from the Cold War. The Bosnia peacekeeping mission, the largest military operation in NATO's history, is turning into the catalyst for some welcome changes in an organization that was left without a clear purpose after the demise of the Soviet Union, but did not

seem to realize it. Anxious not to be left on the periphery of the NATO command as the Bosnia operation commences, France has decided to resume involvement in the alliance's military leadership, ending a haughty separation initiated nearly 30 years ago by Charles de Gaulle. France had maintained political affihation with NATO but stayed aloof from alliance

military planning. Russia, the reason for NATO's creation and long its principal antagonist, will contribute 2,000 support troops to the Bosnia force. They will be joined by small but symbolically important contingents from other countries that in earlier incarnations were also Warsaw Pact members, including Poland, the Czech

Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. Secretary of State Warren Christopher seemed euphoric when be noted in Brussels on Tuesday that "in all modern European history, this is the first time that soldiers from every European power will serve together in a common military op-A more modest and suitable observation for the occasion is this: At least in the early hours of the Bosnia mission, NATO looks for the first time since the end of the Cold War like an alliance thoughtfully evolving to fit the challenges of a changing Europe.

able to the unimaginative plan for NATO expansion that the Clinton administration has been pushing. That scheme calls for extending full NATO membership to Central European countries that are unprepared, politically and militarily, to join the alliance. The plan also threatens to draw a new line across Europe, separating Russia again from the West.

What is happening instead follows a more natural path, with new and still uncertain democracies joining a NATO operation in ways commensurate with their strength, and with Russia playing a constructive role rather than fearing a new division of Europe. France's renewed involvement ends an artificial divorce that kept one of Europe's major powers outside NATO military

Drawing appropriate conclusions from Europe's diplomatic and military failures in Bosnia, France now seems to be easing away from its old Gaullist dream of a purely European defense sys-tem excluding the United States. Further steps in this direction, like placing its forces under alliance command and taking part in NATO ouclear planning,

would be welcome. The North Atlantic Treaty Organizatioo brilliantly performed its Cold War assignment of protecting Europe and America against the threat of Soviet ouclear and conventional attack. This week's meetings in Brussels have brought encouraging signs that the al-liance is ready to make the kind of adjustments that can give it a future providing for the new security needs of an undivided Europe.

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Real Steps Toward a Stronger U.S.-EU Partnership

BRUSSELS — A new trans-Atlantic agenda was signed by President Bill Clinton, President Jacques Santer of the European Commission and Felipe González, prime minister of Spain and president of the European Council, at the U.S.-European Union summit meeting in Madrid last Sunday. But why now, and does it really amount to anything new?

It had to be done now to make the U.S.-EU relationship more vital in response to five factors that converged toward the beginning of this year:

First was concern about the effect of the Cold War's end and the disappearance of the common foe around which so much of the U.S.-European relationship had re-volved. Second, the inability of Europe to stop the fighting in Bosnia dramatized the need for continued U.S. involvement in Europe's security.

Third, Europe noticed the increased fo-cus of the U.S. business community and the administration's diplomatic energies on the growth markets of Asia and on managing relations with China and Japan.
Fourth, in both the United States and Europe, governments were focusing increasingly on long-neglected internal problems to the potential detriment, many feared, of the trans-Atlantic relationship. Fifth, Europe believed the 1994 U.S. congressional elections had tilted congressional attitudes in a less internationalist direction.

The Clinton administration responded with a visionary speech in June by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, who expressed his belief that "the partnership that brought us to this hopeful point in history will continue to shape the future as boldly as it shaped the past. "The call was taken up two weeks later at the U.S.-EU summit meeting in Washington to develop a new agenda to bring the United States and Europe together.

By Stuart E. Eizenstat

The writer is U.S. ambassador to the European Union

The new trans-Atlantic agenda represents the U.S. and EU commitment to relate to each other in a different manner, as joint action partners across a wide range of shared responsibilities. Signed by Mr. Clinton, Mr. González and Mr. Santer, the 1995 agenda and action plan move our relationship from consultation to joint action around the globe. A seniorlevel group will oversee implementation of the agenda, prepare biannual U.S.-EU summit meetings and update the action plan as a living document to encompass

new challenges.

The United States and the European Union will work together on a broad political agenda to promote peace, stability, democracy and development in Eu-

rope and around the world: • As partners, we will join in the postwar reconstruction and civilian imple-

mentation of the Bosnia peace accord. We have committed ourselves to new ways to support the Middle East peace process, including the first joint call to end the Arab boycott of Israel, coordi-nation on the ground of our Palestinian assistance programs and the further open-ing of our markets to Palestinian goods.

We have decided to work closely together to reduce the dangers of ouclea proliferation and to promote international arms control. The EU will join the United States and regional powers in funding the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization.

We will launch a new global network to track communicable diseases and cooperate on HIV/AIDS research and development of a malaria vaccine.

By Richard N. Perle

We are taking bold steps forward in our

economic relations. We have committed ourselves to creating a new trans-Atlantic market by progressively reducing or eliminating barriers that hinder the flow of goods, services, capital and investment.

Much media attention was focused on the possibility of a trans-Atlantic free trade agreement as the centerpiece of the trans-Atlantic initiative. It is an idea whose time has not yet come, as our business communities have told us. They indicated that, with tariffs at an average of percent when the Uruguay Round is fully implemented, we should now focus our attention on the real barriers to economic integration: investment restrictions, duplicative testing and certification requirements and conflicting regulatory standards.

We are therefore launching a series of concrete steps to tackle these problems and, as supplementary steps, we will undertake the first joint U.S.-EU study on ways to facilitate trade in goods and services and further reduce or eliminate tariff and contariff barriers. As a tangible down payment, we aim to create a trans-Atlantic information society, with reduced tariffs on all electronic products that are part of the society, interoperable equipment and connectivity among the respective "in-formation highways."

As the two largest trading blocs, we also recognize our special responsibility to help assure a more open and free multilateral trading system and a strong World Trade Organization. Not resting on metoric, we will develop a package of tariff reductions in industrial goods beyond what was agreed upon in the Uruguay Round and identify areas where tariff reduction schedules can be accelerated.

We intend to go far beyond our traditional trans-Atlantic agenda. We have launched a preventive diplomacy initiative to attack the causes of conflicts by moving

countries from humanitarian relief to longterm development and self-sufficiency. One of the freshest initiatives is

ground-breaking cooperation on fighting ternational crime and narcotics flows. Under the robric "no place to hide," we intend to establish a network to prosecute fugitives, improve extradition agreements and seize assets used in or resulting from the commission of crime. We will share state of the art technologies in crime-fighting. For the first time, we will work together to train law enforcement officials from Central Europe, Russia and elsewhere to help build the rule of law and more effective criminal justice systems in Europe's newly democratic states.

We will build new trans-Atlantic bridges among our peoples and institu-tions, recognizing that mutual understand-ing by our publics must undergird the enhanced governmental cooperation we have developed. More student exchanges and private-sector linkages will be encouraged. A model is the recently completed trans-Atlantic "business dialogue" in Seville, which convened about 100 chief executives of U.S. and European companies of all sizes to give unvarnished recommendations on ways of facilitating trans-Atlantic economic relations. Many of their concrete suggestions were adopted at the Madrid meeting.

Together, we have developed an ambitious and comprehensive agenda that will harness our energies in the post-Cold War era. But perhaps the most important outcome of this novel exercise has been the reaffirmation of something too long forgotten. To a degree not imaginable with any other group of countries, a re-markable consensus exists among us, with our common values and intertwined history, on the challenges facing us and the solutions required for a new era.

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Unhappy Economic Truth By all the traditional measures, the ward their employees and the wides

American economy is now performing very well. But it's doing well at the expense of the people who are doing badly. The rising ode is not lifting all the boats, notoriously, and that unhappy truth is beginning to overshadow the usual indicators of economic success.

One important piece of good oews is that long-term interest rates have fallen sharply over the past year. It's the longterm rates that finance new factories, power plants, schools and houses. That drop reflects an inflation rate that's low and stable. The unemployment rate is similarly stable and, by the standards of the past two decades, low. Economic policy is, in those terms, working excellently. A surge of growth late last year seemed dangerously strong. The Federal Reserve Board has skillfully brought it under control and now has business expanding at a rate that it can sustain indefinitely. So why isn't everybody cheering?

Better performance for the economy as a whole is being purchased in this decade at the price of less security for many of the people who work in it, and of wider disparines between the extremes of poverty, the fu here in Washington over the federal budpart. More people are being affected by the changes in companies attitudes to-

ward their employees and the widespread sense of eroded teoure in the workplace than by the changes in the federal pro-grams over which Congress is currently struggling. The Republicans in Congress believe the country can no longer afford to keep running Medicaid as a social entitlement for poor people, and perhaps they will prevail. But quite separately amoog people who are employed fulltime, and not only those paid low wages - the numbers who have no health in-

surance are rising steadily.
As recently as a decade ago, the definitioo of successful economic policy, for most people, came down to two things: low inflatioo and low unemployment. Presidents and Congresses that could produce that happy combination were, with the rarest of exceptions, re-elected. Now things seem to be getting a bit more complicated. A lot of people seem to feel that growth has been unbalanced. People in the middle class in particular are reacting to an erosion of the kind of security of jobs and benefits that they used to enjoy.

The central job for economic policy, as voters define it, may be to reconcile condividual. That's the direction in which get are part of a larger issue, but only a the great debate over economic politics oow appears to be turning.

-THE WASHINGTON POST.

U.S. Should Arm the Bosnians, Not Hide Behind Subcontractors

WASHINGTON — The Bosnian government last month signed away half its country - but only after receiving oral assurances that the United States would provide it with the military equipment and training it desperately needs to provide for its own

Now it is becoming clear why the Clinton administration was reluctant to give its assurances in writing: It has oo intention of

arming the Bosnians.
Instead of immediately beginning to arm and train the Bosnians so that American forces can be honorably withdrawn in a year. the administration is blundering toward an ill-defined, unworkable scheme to subcontract this job to other countries. Since America's allies -

Britain, France, Germany and most other NATO countries opposed arming the Bosnians, will obviate the need America will likely end up with fective Bosnian army.

JERUSALEM — Quo vadis Shimon Peres?

an unseemly and protracted scavenger hunt. Bosnia will be forced to settle for inferior equipment and inadequate training. American personnel and equip-

ment, especially antitank missiles, counter-battery radars, artillery, tanks, armored personnel carriers and air-defense systems, are the best. The alternatives -Russian and Chinese arms — are decidedly inferior, lack adequate spare parts and would require instructors from countries where such equipment is common.

Why is the administration so reluctant, so diffident? In part because America's allies flatly oppose arming the Bosnians.

Moreover, senior White House officials hold out the vain hope that the so-called arms control provisions of the Daytoo accord will obviate the need for an ef-

But that agreement is gosmer, even by the low standards of international arms cootrol. It simply enjoins the parties to reach a comprehensive agreement in an unrealistic six months. If this fails, it sets arbitrary limits, but has no inspection provision and

no means of enforcement. It relies on the good behavior of indicted and likely to be indicted war criminals who control Serbia and the Serbian entity in Bosnia. No American official would ever agree to any such arms control regime if American security were

Sadly, Pentagon officials are the driving force behind the administration's opposition to arming the Bosnians. They evidently believe that U.S. troops will be less vulnerable to discontented Serbs if America feigns neutrality.

Shimon Peres: A Life's Map and the Changing Contours of Israel

The idea that U.S. forces in pressed by America's resorting to comment to The New York Times.

Bosnia could or should try to surrogates for training the Bosni-wrap themselves in a cloak of ans. They are not subtle and they neutrality is simply wrong. That are not fools. is a political judgment, and the military men who make it are intruding on the role of America's elected leaders, who are, alas, all too willing to acquiesce.

Seeking protection in neutrality was a great mistake underlying the loss of 241 U.S. servicemen in Lebanon in 1983. Because they allowed themselves the illusion that they were neutral peacekeepers, the soldiers failed to take adequate precautions against attack. America will be far safer in Bosnia if it assumes that its troops are likely to become targets and

behaves accordingly, rather than hiding behind a political fiction and merely encouraging others to train and arm the Bosnians while America distances itself in public. Those who would attack U.S.

Senator Bob Dole is trying to fashion legislation that would

compel the administration to arm and train the Bosnians. He is right to do so. America's goal must be to help secure the survival of a multiethnic, inde-

pendent Bosnia at peace with its neighbors. Peace' that is merely a way station to the eventual destruction of Bosnia cannot justify even the safe presence of Americans, let alone their deployment in the face

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of great danger. The writer, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, was an assistant secretary of de-fense in the Reagan administration and recently advised the Bosnian delegation at the Balkan troops will not be deterred or im- peace talks. He contributed this

Broaden the Search

It would have been better if the House Ethics Committee could have reached a judgment on its own about the ethical problems raised by Newt Gingrich's wide-ranging activities — from his book contract to the political and think-tank operation he created before becoming speaker of the House. But the speaker being the partisan figure he is, the committee is deadlocked along party lines. In addition, information released by the Federal Election Commission in its lawsuit against GOPAC, the central organization of the Gingrich machine, has raised new questions about Mr. Gingrich's stewardship of his own operations. At the least, it has made an arguable case that GOPAC should have registered earlier as a federal political action committee and subjected itself to the disclosure requirements other comparably placed groups observed. And it has said that GOPAC actively and improperly helped Mr. Gingrich win re-election in a tough race in 1990. Here, its evidence is far from conclusive, but the

questions are serious.
In addition, the FEC filing included information that Mr. Gingrich may have written to the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency about asbestos lawsuits after receiving a com-plaint, attached to a \$10,000 GOPAC contribution, from a husinessman unhappy about the impact of federal asbestos regulation on his business. Finally, there are the ties between Republican Ethics

Committee members and GOPAC. which are not necessarily strong enough to require them to step down but have made a very thorny situation worse. As a result of this mixed bag of busi-

ness and the Democrats' partisan ferocity, the Republicans on the Ethics Committee decided that some sort of outside counsel should be called in to assess the evidence. They would have this counsel lonk only into whether a college course Mr. Gingrich taught was an arm of GOPAC, which would have been a violation of the tax law, a mandate that seems to us too narrow.

The purpose of having an outside counsel is to guarantee that the basic issues in the case are adjudged fairly. And at this point it seems reasonable that a counsel have the authority to lonk into GOPAC's broader activities, including the matters raised by the FEC. It is important that this should be done without authorizing a fishing expedition - only providing enough reach so the counsel can answer the basic questions raised in this case.

The proliferation of special counsels and prosecutors is not a good thing. There are dangers of runaway investigations that go on forever. But the Ethics Committee has been unable to get its job done. Now, an outsider, chosen jointly by both poliocal parties and given a proper mandate, is required to fairly investigate what clearly needs looking into.

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By Gideon Rafael

To assess where he is going, it is helpful to know where he has been. For 50 of his 73 years. Mr. Peres has been on active duty, much of it in the civilian sector of Israel's defense establishment. His first mission was to the United States to procure arms for the embattled state in the making. He succeeded in circumventing the U.S. arms embargo, establishing his reputation as an inventive han-

dler of clandestine operations. David Ben-Gurion, recognizing at an early stage Mr. Peres's potential, appointed him to positions of responsibility unusual for a man of his youthful age and educational preparation.

Blending vision and pragma-tism, the Israeli statesman believed the Jewish people, rebuilding their ancient homeland, must adhere to their moral values and spiritual heritage. He was also convinced that Israel would reach peace when its strength and progress had convinced its neighbors of its indelible place on the Middle East map.

lifelong guidelines. As director-general of the De-fense Ministry, Mr. Peres was in-troduced to the intricate world of international relations. Sensing a common interest with France in curbing Nasser's pan-Arab ambitions, he developed Israel's French connection, which culminated in the Anglo-French-Israeli collusion against Egypt in the 1956 Suez campaign.

In France, Israel also obtained a valuable source of weaponry and the wherewithal to develop its nuclear program, which was initiated by Mr. Peres with astonishing foresight.

Although generally identified with security matters, Mr. Peres's intellectual agility and political acumen destined him for a wider role in the nation's affairs.

Mr. Peres, realizing that the human resourcefulness amply available in the country could compensate for its scarcity of natural resources, prompted the cre-

These became Shimon Peres's ation of Israel's aviation industry along with the modernization and expansion of its arms pro-

duction capacity. This experience prepared him to direct the economy as minister of finance. Later, as prime min-ister in the mid-1980s, Mr. Peres managed to pull the economy back from the brink of devastating inflation and the army back from most of Lebanon after having been mired there for three years in cost-

ly, inconclusive fighting.

As foreign minister under
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Mr. Peres probed for a breach in the Arab siege wall. The breakthrough occurred when Yasser Arafat showed a readiness to compromise, encouraging the government to free Israel's policy from the fetters of Likud rejectionism and concluding in the 1993 Oslo accord with the

To complete his life's work, Shimon Peres will have to surmount two decisive challenges:

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thing more than animated win-

In China, money now talks louder than ever before, and of-

ficial corruption is widespread.

The national government in Bei-

jing can no longer command the total obedience of even its of-

ficials at the center. Nor can it

realization of Israel's great dream: the final settlement of the of hard bargaining. Arab-Israeli conflict

a major effort to reduce the tensions generated by Mr. Rabin's murder. While trying to soothe rabbinic associates, his government intends to apply the full force of the law against their fanatical hard core, realizing that, unless checked, the breakers of the law in the occupied territories could become the makers of the

law in Israel. To consolidate his slim parliamentary basis - and to sustain his government over the next 11 Peres seeks to gain if not the active support then at least the abstention of the religious bloc on votes of confidence. For this reason, and also for a supposed electoral advantage, he seeks to position his party somewhat to the right of the middle ground and to present him-

self as more of a hawk. probably will spell out in detail ternational Herald Tribune.

He must win election as prime his terms for peace with Syria, minister in his own right and wrap including withdrawal to the inup his political history with the ternational boundary within a time span that will be the subject

The presence, activism and At present, Mr. Peres is making claims of the settlers in the territories will continue to trouble the government. Time will tell whether Mr. Peres will emulate the settlers and their political and de Gaulle's attitude toward the French settlers in Algeria, lulling them with his cryptic "Ie vons comprends" while negotiating their evacuation. More likely, Mr. Peres will seek innovative solutions probably not yet fully matured in his own mind.

Their scope and direction will depend on the development of Israel's relations with the Palestinians and its other neighbors, months until the elections - Mr. and on the settlers resigning themselves to the idea that their dream of Greater Israel will have to wait until the coming of the Messiah - and who knows what kind of map he will draw.

The writer, a founding member of Israel's Foreign Ministry, was its former director-general and ambassador to the UN. He con-Washington, Mr. Peres most tributed this comment to the In-

Face Reality on Anti-Pirating Pact

HONG KONG — Last win-ter. the United States signed a crucial agreement with China after tense negotiations. As a result, Beijing promised that Chinese factories would no longer be allowed to pirate U.S.-made computer software, movies, recordings or branded hard goods to the tune of almost \$1 billion a year.

Whatever Beijing itself in-tended, U.S. trade negotiators were convinced that the problem was solved. No longer would tense Sino-American relations be further exacerbated by Chinese entrepreneurs' barefaced copying and peddling at discounted prices goods that others' creativity had brought into existence.

Some members of the American negotiating team, wellversed in economics but not io Asia, were annoyed when China specialists told them the agree-ment would not hold. Yet this is truly wished to do so, and even if the ceremonial shutdown of exactly what has happened.

By Robert Elegant

The Clinton administration recently put Beijing on notice that it had 90 days to enforce the agreement. If it does not, China will once again risk the imposition of large trade sanctions.

But the truth is that Beijing either will not or cannot enforce the ban. As a consequence, further serious strains are likely in a hilateral relationship already beset with troubles over the status of Taiwan, human rights and arms control.

Trade piracy goes to the heart of Sino-American relations. But even more important, it illuminates China's present character and its likely future development

The central government is clearly incapable of preventing intellectual piracy — even if it

control the cadres of the Communist Party, particularly not in the provinces. The day-to-day exercise of power is shifting ever more to businessmen - and away from civilian officials or military of-

ficers. Such businessmen often

have a vested interest in continuing the piracy. If the Clinton administration is serious about trying to enforce the unenforceable agreement U.S.-China relations are in for another stormy passage.

The writer, o former Asia correspondent, contributed this some 30 plants in southern Chi- comment to the Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

PEKING — An Imperial edict was issued yesterday [Dec. 6] ordering the construction of a double line of railway seventy-two miles in length between Peking and Tientsin. The cost of the undertaking is estimated at 3,000,000 taels and the weight of the rails will be 85lb. per yard.

1920: Unfit For Pigs

NEW YORK - Immigration Inspector Wallis told officials of the bureau of Immigration to-day [Dec. 7] that immigrants are being brought to America in ships "un-fit for pigs." He also said that some of the vessels from Mediterranean ports are so "overcrowded, unhygenic, dank, unventilated and unwholesome" as to be a menace to health. Mr. Wallis declared that although immigrants are aboard as long as seventeen days, in some cases there are no facilities for bathing. It is common

1895: New Chinese Rail for small ships to bring as many as 2,000 immigrants. When landed. many immigrants have to be moved to hospitals and treated at the expense of the Government.

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1945: Nazi Boasting

take of the Nazis was underestimating America, it was brought out in documents submitted at the war-crimes trial. In a speech made by Adolf Hirler in January 1941, he told the chiefs of the supreme commands of the armed forces that he saw 'no great danger from America, even if she should enter the war." German Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop assured the Japanese Ambassador to Berlin, Oshima, in 1940 that "if America should enter the conflict, she would be unable to wage the war military, ily." He continued samply: "Out. strength is not only equal but superior to a combined English and American air force at any time."

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In normal circumstances, North-South would not reach four spades, but did at a few tables. Steve Levy arrived there

ond heart and has very little deuce? chance in view of the acute shortage of entries to the dummy. The best chance, and Levy took it, is to lead the spade jack since there will then be an entry

with the queen. East is then helpless. If he vis 153 wins, a minor-suit lead will help 064 and returns a spade, South finesses in diamonds, draws to dummy with a diamond to play a club. And if he wins and leads a heart, South throws a The bidding.

Finally, East may refuse to take the spade queen. South then plays the diamond ace and

NEW YORK — Paris is parshamelessly demagogic campaign
determined to keep the lavish benthinking that deficit reduction

We cannot mock; Washington

States ran such a rate of deficit, it

would be borrowing more than a

half-trillion dollars a year. That way

Though not in such dire straits as

unemployment-ridden France, the

United States has made the right

decision about moving toward bal-

ance. The percentage of the budget

going toward paying interest on debt has doubled in the past gen-eration, and — if President Bill

Clinton's original budget had

passed Congress — the interest slice would be on the primrose path

to redoubling.

That would mean saddling everybody under 40 today with buge taxes and reduced services tomor-

row to pay for profligacy now. Nev-

er have the young put up with such pocket-picking by their elders.

discretionary spending is snatched away. In France, students joining

workers on the red-ink ramparts are

throwing away their chances as

Germany's Economy

the 21st Century?" (Nov. 21):

come in growing societies.

The writer's argument rests upon

will be distinguished by progressively unequal distribution of in-

countrymen are deluding them-

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With every year in deficit, future

lies national bankruptcy.

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the snow, and to bamboozle them commuters were blocked on their way to work this week by militant garbage collectors, AFL-CIO unionists resisting overdue cuts of with pie in the medical sky. On Wednesday came his promised veto of the Republican waste in waste management.
Will France stem the tide of red opening plan; on Thursday comes a Clinton counterproposal and nego-tiation begins. Here's what is likely ink that has reached 5 percent of its domestic product? If the United

might soon leave them destitute in

to happen: Mr. Clinton will continue his poll-directed furch to the left for at least another month, professing to protect the old folks, and the poor's entitlement to Medicaid insurance, from those mean, seven-year Republican budget-balancers.

Meanwhile, the Congressional Budget Office will rosify its projections to come nearer White House optimism. The gap between Mr. Clinton and the Republicans will be narrowed further by a repiggering of the Consumer Price index, which — don't say this out loud - in effect reduces the increase in Social Security benefits while raising income taxes.

The 'give' on both sides will he

not so much on spending as on taxing. Republicans will come down from their \$245 billion cut. and Mr. Clinton - whose \$98 billion straddle offends everybody will at first take refuge behind the deficit-cutting, conservative Democratic "Blue Dog Coalition," which calls for no tax cut at all.

grown-ups; polls show most young Americans, their heads in comput-In the end, the tax package will probably be: a capital gains cut but ers, to be similarly a little slow on not retroactive; a reduction in the Republican child deduction; restoration of the earned income The under-40 set's inability to see and speak up for its self-interest tax credit; and a token Clinhas given Mr. Clinton license to tonesque, education credit. Total

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back-end-loaded, small enough to over figures that are imaginary, and make the seven-year ball balance subject to change by the economy on the presidential seal's nose in time for next month's State of the

What America Should Learn From France's Budget Anguish

Union address. A nagging thought intrudes: How close are any of these varied projections to reality? What if recession strikes or inflation re-igengage in "Mediscare." This is his tax reduction: about \$170 billion, cockeyed? Aren't we haggling compromise easier.

subject to change by the economy or the next Congress?

Yes, but. The actual numbers mean little; the direction they represent means much. The Republican impetus toward balance is needed for continued prosperity. The gradging Democratic agreenites or the standard forecast is ment to end deficit spending makes

What should America learn from France's budget anguish? In Paris, the Bourse is shaky because the political will is uncertain.

In the United States, investors know that impending budget balance will lower interest rates, and confidence in that has boosted stocks and bonds. Listen to what the markets say. The New York Times.

A Flatulent God Takes On The Elite of Indonesia

By Margot Cohen

TAKARTA — When Semar talks, people listen.

That's the rule in Indonesia. where the traditional art of shadow puppetry, known as wayang kulit, still enthralls villagers and urbanites alike. And Semar, with his pot-bellied silhouette, never fails to command attention.

This ugly duckling is no less than

MEANWHILE

a god, who advises the nobility and fights injustice. Armed with patience, humor and a rare talent for deadly flatulence, he keeps enemies

at bay and audiences chortling.

One of Semar's biggest fans is President Suharto. Rooted in rural Javanese culture, Mr. Suharto is well aware of wayang's power among the masses. In nighttime shows that stretch into the morning, savvy puppeteers often use Semar to snipe at the contemporary foibles of the Indonesian elite.

In January, the president asked the country's puppeteers to give greater exposure to Semar as a means of "building character." Up-lifting shadow plays immediately sprang up everywhere.

Now comes an offering from a leading Indonesian playwright, Nano Riantiarno. He uses actors rather than puppets to get the message across. But his version, ending its run in Jakarta on Friday, may not be exactly what President Suharto ordered.

On the surface, "Semar Gugat" (Semar Demands) looks light and breezy. As he did in many of his previous works, Mr. Riantiarno squeezes laughs from muscular transvestites and playful language. Nonetheless, a bleak tale emerges

from this three-hour musical comedy. The nobility falls captive to the whims of devils. Abuses of power go unchecked. And Semar, who succumbs to a power trip of his own, is helpless to protect the little people. Even his surefire farting rurns out to be nothing more than hot air.

Unsurprisingly, it was tough to mount this production.

"Here, laughter and dreams require a permit, especially if done in public," said a member of the cast. The police took more than six weeks to review the script, issuing the performance permit only the day before the Nov. 25 opening.

Middle-class theater-goers made a run on tickets for opening night, fearing that the play might be banned mid-run. That's what happened in 1990, when Mr. Riantiarno staged "Succession".

in "Semar Gugat," the playwright can't resist taking a few swipes at nepotism. After suffering humiliation at the hands of the nobility, Semar returns to the heavenly kingdom and requests his own fiefdom. But straitlaced life on the throne doesn't suit him.

"Who am I doing this for?" he cries. Semar's son retorts, "For your children, wife, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren..."

Jokes aimed at top cabinet ministers also draw hoots and applause. The theater's needling of those in power remains a vital outlet in In-donesia, given the restrictions on the press and political parties.

That is why Mr. Suharto's embrace of Semar - another effort by the president to indicate his solidarity with the people - is a mixed

blessing. Mr. Riantiarno points out the perils of this embrace. In the play, once Semar gets too close to power, he loses his clout as a popular spokesman. Nobody listens to him. And despite noisy demonstrations, the nobility remains firmly in control.

It's a timely message for all the new actors jostling for attention on Indonesia's political stage. As calls for reform fill the theater, Mr. Riantiarno asks: is it all just hot air?

ta, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Technology and Jobs

Regarding "What Happens if here Isn't Work?" (Opinion, Nov.

savage inequalities that plague the assumption that the 21st century. Aftherican society can be viewed as a The author suggests that there may not be enough work to go around in the United States in the future, but he fails to specify why. This is unfortunate, for the myth of the shrinking job market is widely discussed but rarely examined.

The usual suspect is technological innovation. An increasing number of jobs, the argument goes, are being replaced by computers and machines, resulting in ever-rising unemployment. This argument is as old as the printing press, and it is incorrect.

Technology has progressed rapidly over the past several centuries, but unemployment has oot grown with it. Technological innovation brings new products and opens new markets. Although the increased productivity resulting from technolog-ical innovation does make certain iobs obsolete, it also lowers prices and increases investment, raising demand and creating new jobs. NICHOLAS BEIM.

Oxford, England.

The First Computer

Regarding "Stanehenge Enters

Computer Age" (Nov. 1): Stonehenge may well have now entered the modern era of the computer via a CD-ROM program, but it actually beraided the computer age m a very real way by keeping track of the seasons for farmers and allowing the forecasting of lunar eclipses. Stonehenge was an accurate, valuable real-time computer.

NORMAN SANDERS. Drammen, Norway,

The writer, a journalist in Jakar-

Hamburg.

HELMUT SCHREIER.

The True Story of a Lone Denielle ... Mitterrand president of the France-Lib-Greatest Scientific Problem of His Time By Dava Sobel. 184 pages. \$19.Walker.

Regarding "Will Germany Join more unequal society."

According to him, many of my than a mere delusion.



the positions of the sun and stars. So integral did longi-tude's "discovery" become to absurd plan that involved a any reasonable projection of human progress that the English Parliament effered £20,000 to

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magical, long-distance healing powder that he had apparently just discovered in the south of France. A wounded dog, he proposed, should be taken on every oceangoing vessel, and a snippet of its bandages retained in London. At noon every day in cause longimde — the angular proposal to anchor a network of distance east or west on the marker ships over the Atlantic anointed with the magic powder, stinging the dogs wounds the realization that anyone (e.g., the Equator) — could not manning such a station would terval between the dog's daily yelping and the sun reaching its highest point above the ship's

> time zone the ship was in. Hurting the dog badly enough, however, that its wounds failed to heal over long journeys, but not so badly that yelping became indistin-ishable from basic whimpering, proved the plan's fatal stambling block. What the longitude debate badly needed was a contribution from someone

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who was not an utter moroo. An unlikely candidate emerged in the shape of the clockmaker John Harrison, a bluff northerner with no formal education and no training in his craft. Common sense, however, was firmly on his side.

ies of his age threw themselves into astrological logarithms and the invention of complex multileased observing instruments, Harrison decided to build a clock that kept good time. As even Sir Kenelm Digby had ob-served, for every 15 degrees east or west that one sailed from for The Washington Post. one's home port there would be a difference of one hour. If one could somehow keep track of the time at one's home port, the longitude problem would simply disappear. So low, however, was the standard of clockmaking at the time that Harrison's solution was publicly derided

six weatherproof and motionproof sea clocks. Periodically, he would present himself before the Board of Longitude in London where he would successfully extract a stipend for further research.

Rigorous trials that involved sailing his clocks to Jamaica or Spain and back to see if they lost any time should quickly have established Harrison as the scientific giant he truly was. But he would invariably shoot himself in the foot by drawing the board's attention to various unimportant inadequacies in his clocks' design. His astrologically inclined rivals consistently exploited Harrison's diffidence to make sure that common sense would not prevail.

Eventually, King George III interved and ensured at least that Harrison died a wealthy man. When his clocks were dismantled for cleaning after his death, countless redundant pieces of machinery were discovered in-side, failed experiments that Harrison had simply built on top of. The entire ontogeny of mod-em timekeeping lay buried in the clocks' innards. every intellectual long-cut and cul-desac of Harrison's career fossilized forever in brass and

tale, brilliantly told. Perhaps one of the most impressive things about the book - given its subject matter - is the sheer simplicity of the whole thing. Flying in the face of 30 years of Umberto Eco-style gobbledygook, Sobel resists the temp tation to write yet another post-modern "That's Incredible!" about the days before time and space had been invented. She offers us oo attack on the modem assumption that time is solid and objective; she wholly refrains from rubbing readers' ooses in the artificiality of meaning; she offers us nothing, in short, but measured, nearly perfect prose and a magnificent story, an extraordinary book.

Bruno Maddox, whose reviews appear regularly in The Economist, wrote this review

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ed decks to bloodied flotsam. A

scurvied sailor confronts the sprawl of featureless ocean where his home port should have been as his body's last shred of connective tissue dissolves in its natural acids. That was how it went if you were an early 18th-century seaman. Fatally long voyages and deadly course miscalculations were commonplace, simply be-

THE book opens in a splat-terfest of maritime disaster.

Rocky continents loom sudden-

ly out of the fog, turning crowd-

Reviewed by

Bruno Maddox

cates foundation and the wife of mer French president, is reading "Ma Vie de Kurtle", by Nooredine Zaza Trusinly read on history. This is about a young Kurd, his strateles and how he becomes a political leader. It's the story of his life and the history of his

people. (Jocelyn Gecker, IHT)

the person who could figure out how to calculate it at sea. fariy solutions to the problem were as stopid as the prize was longe. Humphrey Ditton's proposal to anchor a network of

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

STUDY the diagram from the North American Swiss Teams, and consider whether you would wish to play or de-fend four spades after the lead of the ace and another heart.

after the auction shown. South clearly ruffs the sec-

to the dummy if a defender wins

the declarer, who will use dummy's spade ten as the entry to lead the other minor. If he wins trump and eventually gets back club, ruffs in dummy, finesses : diamonds and draws trump.

East cannot play a heart, so South is able to draw trump and use the diamond eight as the entry to play a club toward the So four spades cannot be de-feated. If South succeeds, as

Levy did, he has brought off a small miracle, needing to find East with the club ace and the diamond king together with even splits in spade and diamonds. Did you spot the importance of the diamond

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any diamond except the deuce.

While the scientific huminar-

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as an insanely roundabout approach to the problem. Unfazed, Harrison retreated to his workshop and spent the next 46 years building five or By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

▼OKYO — As customers bearing overflowing shopping bags bus-tled through shop doors in the twilight, Christmas decorations twinkling in the windows and the strains of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" emanating mercial Tokyo and the soul of Japanese shopping.

dren's store. Like nearly all the buildings orated with children's drawings of Snoopy, on the mile-long street, it is new, because almost the entire area was destroyed by bombing in World War II. As a result, the sidewalks are unusually spacious, with long, with an adjustable ladder. I picked it

stores. But don't expect okonomiyaki pastries, Japan's answer to pizza, or other street food; that would be déclassé. It is considered rude to stroll and munch.

children's store - he seemed shot from a perhaps the world. We pushed through the cannon. As he played with other children in from a music store, Ginza Street seemed a gray spaceship in the middle of the floor, like a fine place to buy some presents for I looked at the merchandise. Nice gray friends. So the other day I walked with my overcoat, with a hood, perfect for a boy or 3-year-old son, Gregory, down this famous girl. Price, \$300. A beautiful music box street that cuts through the heart of complaying Christmas carols, with "Santa's playing Christmas carols, with "Santa's Musical Workshop" inscribed on it, \$380.

With Gregory in tow, I headed past the I started off my excursion on the west end of Ginza Street, at the Familia chiltoy shop on the fourth floor. It was decand kids were sprawled on the floor playing with train sets. Gregory quickly spotted a

room for the streams of passers by and a few displays that spill out from the adjacent turned. What a great Christmas present for were buying Christmas cards, postcards and Gregory! But it was \$245.

Next stop was Tokyo Kyukyodo, a narrow brick building that, based on tax asssments, is built on the single most ex-Gregory did not really amble into the pensive piece of real estate in Japan,



wrapping paper (gorgeous designs at \$18 for a sheet 3 feet by 2 feet). Christmas trees, at \$400 each, are not a big item in Tokyo, but stores turn to Christmas decorations to give people one more reason to spend.

Kyukyodo has plenty of traditional Japanese items. I admired a nice calligraphy brush perfect for practicing my Japanese writing, but it was priced at \$4,500. For those with fine noses, the store my wife. It was \$120,000. sells fragrant bits of wood, like sandalwood. One palm-sized bit of broken kyara, a particularly aromatic wood from Vietnam, was \$1,100.

At the main intersection of Ginza Street,

glanced at the menu of L Ecrin, a French staurant. The special lunch menu was \$150. So I dragged Gregory a few stores on to Mikimoto, the legendary Japanese pearl merchant. Mikimoto was bustling with customers, but we found a counter with a nice pearl choker of huge pearls, one strand, that would have looked gorgeous on

CROSS the street, the Mitsukoshi Department Store beck-oned. It was decorated along its length with Christmas trees and where it meets Harumi Street, are several of bells and lights, and a six-story sign com-Japan's most famous department stores. We entered Wako, one of the most elegant, and wandered over to the watch counter. A nice sukoshi." The store's food area in the \$27,000 Credor wristwatch, made by Seiko, basement is a dream, with counters offering caught my eye. It had a bracelet of white Godiva chocolates, Harrods teas (protected a total of \$2.50.

gold, with diamonds on the watch face.
"Daddy, I'm hungry," Gregory announced testily as we moved on, and I or okashi. I admired two muskmelons of the many of I. Foring a Brench board like a work of art. The naire \$200.

Gregory was impatient. "Daddy, I'm very hungry," he announced. "Very, very hungry." I looked around in desperation. Ginza Street does offer some reasonably priced items. I've quoted some of the most outlandish prices, but I had also seen and been tempted to buy a \$5 toy car in the Familia children's store. A Peter Rabbit key chain that doubles as a flashlight was \$7, and the Sapporo Beer Hall a few doors down offers a bowl of noodles with two pieces of sushi for \$10. Just in time to redeem myself as a father, I spotted a representative of the more reasonable side of Ginza Street: a Häagen Dazs ice cream shop. Gregory pointed to an ice cream sandwich, and it was his for \$2.50. So that is how I shopped on Ginza Street and spent

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Take William #

Deck the Halls With CDs

By Mike Zwerin

ARIS — The current state of popular music is such that it is safe to assume that anything with mass appeal is automatically bad. Uninteresting at best. Creative honest music oo longer sells platinum or gold. Accepted 1990s wisdom is that quality in fact hurts sales.

No more happy conjunctures like Benny Goodman, Peggy Lee, Billie Holiday, Frank Sina-tra and all those '60s heroes. Michael Jackson, Paul Simon, Sting and The Eagles pulled it off in the '70s and '80s. (Quincy Jones and Eric Clapton are at least temporarily out to lunch.) The following albums are guar-

anteed not to sell big.

• JOHN COLTRANE, "The Heavyweight Champioo' (Rhino): This special gift will compliment the intellect of special folks and let them know how much you value their friendship. Between January, 1959, and May, 1961, Nesuhi Ertegun produced 10 Coltrane LPs for Atlantic Records. Listening to them reissued on six Some thought Keita went too CDs, you can hear how Trane far into Western technology dotted the I's, crossed the T's and rock. He won a Grammy for and provided final punctuation his alhum "Soro." Here he for jazz past. And nothing has well-tempers the present with really overtaken it since. Elvin roots. Jones, McCoy Tyner, Tommy Flanagan, Milt Jackson, Paul weight musician. Steps," "My Things," "Harmonique" . . use it. A ooi a bad track on six CDs (the tastier.

a boous seventh). TONY "Here's To The Ladies" (Columbia): Bennett proves the ever in the Broadway soog-form tradition, and a fine show-soulful saxophone sound. man, he's popular enough to

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have starred in the Superbowl halftime show, Dedicated to 17

of his favorite female singers.

• SALIF KEITA, "Folon" (Mango): Salif is a descendant of Sunjiata Keita, the royal war-rior who founded the Mandingue Empire in 1240. An albino with an exquisite voice, he describes himself as having white skin and hlack blood." After independence, the Malian government invested to revive the country's musical traditioo.

· AHMAD JAMAL, "The Essence" (Birdology): Miles Davis credited the pianist Jamal Favorite portance of space and how to use it. And he just keeps getting go."

"Love Songs" (WB): At first BENNETT, listen, this album might seem the Ladies' like airport music. The only bett proves the "problem" is that Sanborn matter. introductory premise by excep-tion. One of the best singers how hard he tries. It is diffi

• ELLIOTT MURPHY,

"Selling The Gold" (Mu-sidisc): The American singer/ songwriter/guitarist folk-rock-er Murphy lives ool far from the river Seine and his road has lately been mostly within Europe. Passion, intelligence and poetry are combined in such songs as "Everything 1 do (Leads Me Back To You)" (with guest Bruce Springsteen). On this, his 17th album, Murphy is "holding my hreath, wondering if Rome exists after Fellini's death.' WILLEM BREUKER

KOLLEKTIEF, "Sensemaya" (BVHAAST): For the past 20 years the Amsterdam-based Kollektief has been making Kurt Weill-tinged music that ignores cooventional bound-aries. Breuker says he 'shines a light on those hig black patches in the music of times past." Respectful and delightful ren-ditions of works by George Antheil, Sylvestre Revueltas, Gustav Mahler, Cole Porter, Rachmaninoff and others.

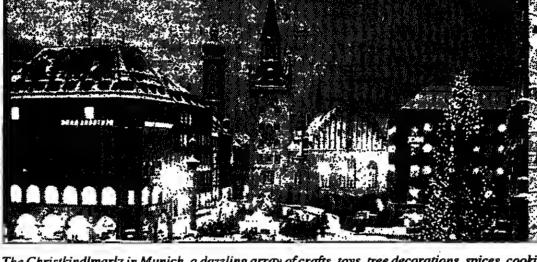
• DUKE ELLINGTON, "Live At The Whimey" (Impulse): Beginning a recital playing solo piano and in trio at the Whitney Museum in New York on April 10, 1972, the Duke warns the audience: "Be prepared for a totally impre-pared program. The Ellington charm ("let's see if I'm in tune with the piano") flows effort-lessly through 19 tunes from are more like a series of sonatas

than charm. Call it Ellingtonia.

• JOHN SCOFIELD, JOHN "Groove Elation" (Blue Note): The man who combined Jimi Hendrix's guitar legacy with Coltrane's harmonic concepts has added funk to his colors. Apparently all the hlue notes have not already been discov-

· PAOLO CONTE, (WB): Two LPs reissued oo two minimally-packaged, budget-priced CDs. It is impossible not to be enchanted by Coote's Ital-nich's main square, and the ian-language amalgam of streets that radiate from it. Hun-

Newman and Leon Redbone.



The Christkindlmarks in Munich, a dazzling array of crafts, toys, tree decorations, spices, cookies, marzipan and other goodies.

The Holiday Lights Are On in Munich

By John Domberg

reunification, Mupression of being in an identity crisis. Or so Müncheners say. The country's erstwhile "secret capital" - so named because it And if it snows, the scene is like offers the most and best of near- a living greeting card. ly everything and a majority of Germans say they would live tinues daily through Dec. 23. there if they could - feels it may be overshadowed hy Berlin, the future real capital,

Come to think of it, they southern periphery.
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mnes. and it's a lot more

South pessimism belies the fact that Munich is hy far Germany's lop travel destination. visited last year by 1.2 million foreigners. As the American novelist

Thomas Wolfe concluded 70 years ago: Munich is "a Germanic dream translated into life." That is true especially during the Christmas season when the city turns into a kind of walk-in three-dimensional fairy tale. The epicenter is the three-week-long Christleindi-markt on Marienplatz, Mutouches of Nino Rota, Randy dreds of stalls sell a dazzling array of handicrafts, toys, tree

decorations, spices, cookies, marzipan, fruitcakes and smoked meats. The enticing UNICH - Five aromas of toasted candied alyears after German monds, bratwurst and hot mulled wine waft over the nich gives the im- downtown. There are organ, choir and chamber music concerts in the city's profusion of Baroque churches every night.

> The Christkindlmarkt con-The choice of nightly concerts is bewildering. The best venues for opera are Bayerische Staatsoper, Max-Joseph-Platz, 21 85 19 20, ticket office at 11

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Demand is so high for Happy Holidays Barbie that Mattel is selling vouchers for later delivery. Internet messages have offered as much as \$175 for the \$35 (or so) doll. Mattel denies any marketing strategy.

imilianstrasse, 20 24 11.

Concert and opera tickets range from \$20 to \$65 (prices at 1.4 marks to the dollar). conduct the Munich Philharmonic Orchestra in works of his

own and by Shostakovich at Gasteig Philharmonic Hall on Dec. 8, 10 and 11. Sir Georg Solti will conduct the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in Haydn's "Creation" at the Herkulessaal Dec. 14 and 15. The trumpet virtuoso Maurice Munich Philharmonic in works er Strasse, 23 80 51 95. by Schoenberg and Berlioz

Dec. 20 and 21. Munich's Bach Collegium will present an evening of Vi-valdi concertos at the Herkulessaal on Dec. 20. Dennis Russell Davies will conduct the Munich Philharmonic in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at the Gasteig Hall Dec. 30 and

The Staatsoper will perform Donizetti's "Anna Bolena" on Dec. 10, 14, 18, and 22; Richard Strauss's "Frau Ohne Schatten" on Dec. 9, 13, 17, and 20;

Humperdinck's "Hänsel und

67 67, ticket office at 13 Max- Gretel" on Dec. 21, 23, 29 and 30; Puccini's "Bohème" Dec. 25 and 28, and Strauss's Krzysztof Penderecki will opera's ballet company, will onduct the Munich Philhar-perform "The Firebird" and "Fearful Symmetries" on Dec. 19, and "Swan Lake" on Dec.

23, 27 and 31.

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HE Alte Pinakothek is at 3 Max-Joseph-Platz, 29 06 "Black and Tan Fantasy" 10
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Rosenheimer Strasse, telephone 54 gl 81 81, and the will perform with the Franz Liszt Chamber Orchestra

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was the closing in October of Herkulessaal of the Residenz, Bartók at the Gasteig Dec. 18, for the duration across the street Aubergine, once the country's Hofgarten, 29 06 72 63. The where Fabio Luisi conducts the at the Neue Pinakothek, 29 Barmost highly rated restaurant.

The Hans der Kunst 1 Prinzregenten Strasse, 21 12 70. will exhibit "New Works on Paper" by Sigmar Polke until Jan. 14.

Until Jan. 21, the Staatsgalerie Moderner Kunst, 21 12 71 37, in the west wing of the Haus der Kunst, is showing paintings and graphics by Max Oppen-heimer, the Vienna modernist who died in obscurity in the cuisine. United States in 1954. The Städtische Galerie im Lenbachhaus, 33 Luisenstrasse, 23 30 30 20, is exhibiting nearly 100

Visitors can escape the winter weather at the city's main castle of the Wittelsbach rulers: the "Rosenkavalier" on Dec. 31 Residenz, the "winter" palace and Jan. 3. The Staatsballet, the of the erstwhile dukes, electors and kings of Bavaria.

The Residenz, their home from the 14th to 20th centuries, is a vast complex in the center of town containing scores of rooms with exquisite furnish-The opera will present a new ings and decorations. To see production of "Aida," Jan 19. inost of them and the Schatzings and decorations. To see kammer, the treasure chamber, takes at least a full day. Entry is

> But there are a dozen others in the category where a six- to nine-course dinner for two will cost \$250 to \$300 plus wine.

> The top spot remaining is Tantris, 7 Johann-Fichte-Strasse, 36 20 61, with two Michelin stars. Hans Haas has been in command of the kitchen since 1991 and prepares superlative nouvelle-oriented French-German-international

John Dornberg, who has lived in Munich for more than 20 years, wrote this for The New

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The American President

Directed by Rob Reiner.

"The American President," in which Michael Douglas plays Chief Executive and Annette Bening his First Lover, will entertain most of the people most of the time. Wittily scripted, engagingly sappy, completely implau-sible and unabached and unabashedly Capraesque, it's a rather wonderful crock. President Andrew Shepherd (Douglas), a widower, is on the eve of his second election bid when he sets eyes on environmental lobbyist Sydney Ellen Wade (Bening). If you watch "The American President" in the mood it's meant to be watched in (check left brain at door upon entering), it's a wellmodulated charmer. For holiday movies, it smells like the break-away front-run-

ner. (Desson Howe, WP) **Toy Story** Directed by John Lasseter.

The Nutcracker Prince. Pooh, the Velveteen Rabbit: Toys, as every kid knows, come to life when you're not looking. It is a fundamental of childhood, a notion that is sent up and oh-so-joyously celebrated in the irreverent. ingenious 'Toy Story.' Though computer-animated rather than hand-drawn, this wry, rippingly paced buddy movie is as delightful in its

own way as any of Walt Dis-

ney's traditional fairy tales. In fact, it's a nice change of pace to see the studio draw magic from this modern tale about ordinary 20th-century kid Andy and his eager-toplease playthings. The picture offers an eye-popping parade of 3-D-seeming anthropomorphs, but it also has enormous humanity and heart. (Rita Kempley, WP)

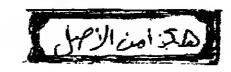
Reckless Directed by Norman Rene.

It is Christmas Eve in a snow-wrapped New England cottage. Rachel (Mia Farrow), an angelically perky housewife and mother of two boys, snnggles in bed with husband, Tom (Teny Goldwyn), to the comforting groan of Bing Crossy crooning 'I'll Be Home for Christmas." She is so smitten with the holiday spirit, she chirps, that she is about to have a "euphoria at tack." Suddenly Tom beiets into sobs. He has become fed up with her high-pitched nattering, he confesses, that he has taken a contract but on her life. To save herself she must flee at once. With peaches-and-cream complexion and slightly whitey voice, Farrow has al-

ways epitomized a precedure. cious overgrown princes who inspires protectiveness tinged with irritation with i 'Reckless,' she is nothing less than American innocence incarnate demanding

to be snapped out of it. (Stephen Holden, NYT)

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AUSTRIA

Wiener Staatsoper, tel: (1) 513-1-513. Verdi's "Jerusalem." Directed by Robert Carsen, conducted by Zubin Mehta, with Davide Damlani, Eliane Coelho, José Carreras and Samuel Ramey, Dec. 10, 13, 16, 19

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Directed by John Cox, conducted by Diethfed Bernet, with Inger DamJensen/Djina Mai-Mai and Bo Boje Skovhus, Dec. 15, 18, 21 and 29.

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GERMANY

Oper der Stadt Bonn, tet. (228) 77-36-66. "La Travista." Directed by Jürgen Rose, conducted by Plécido Domingo, with Veronica Villamoel, Ramon Vargas and Carlos Alvarez.

Wilhelm-Busch-Museum, tel: (511)
71-40-76, closed Mondays. To Jan.
28: "Von Goya bis Dubuffet." A selection of 34 graphic print series created by more then twenty 19th- and 20th-century artists. The works reflect the political, artistic and sociological changes from the French Revolution to the 1950s. Includes works by Beckmann. Checall. Dix. works by Beckmenn, Chagail, Dix,

AMSTERDAM

Vermeer's "Girl with a Pearl Earring," in Washington.

JAPAN

LUXEMBOURG

Casino Luxembourg, tel: 22-50-45, closed Mondays. To March 3: "Main Stations." 13 European and Amer-ican artists are represented by one

major work that is both innovational and influential. Includes works by Sol LeWitt, Yves Klein, Joseph Beuys, Barnett Nawman and Frank Stella.

gen, tel: (10) 441-9400, closed Mon-

days. To Feb. 4: "Treasures of the Czar." From the Kremlin, 100 objects

provide a picture of court culture in the time of Peter the Great. They include gifts presented by foreign en-

voys, garments worn by the czar and jewelry.

Centro de Exposições del Centro Cultural de Belém, tel: (1) 301-9806, open daily. To Jan. 7: "Macau Visto por George Chinnery." Draw-lings and etchings documenting life in

PORTUGAL

THE NETHERLANDS

Goya, Klinger, Toulouse-Lautrec and Picasso, among others.

GREECE

Megaron, tel: &2-82-333. "Carmen."
Conducted by Ralf Welkert, with
Agnes Baltse/Marina Krilovici, Neil
Shicoff/Bolidar Nikokov and Marcella Dec. 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 21.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem
Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, open daily. To March 3: "Photography and Beyond: New Expressions in France." Documents the way some French photographers use photography in an unconventional fashion. Feetures works by Christian Boltan-Features works by Christian Boltan-ski and Annette Messager.

Istituto Universitario Olandese, tel: (55) 221-612, closed Mondays. To Dec. 17: "Maestri dell'Invenzione: Disegni Italiani del Rijismuseum, Amsterdam," Drawings by Italian masters such as Raphael, Michelangelo, the Carracis, Tiepolo and

Canaletto.
Tentro Comunale, tel; (55) 211-158.
"Un Ballo iri Maschera." Conducted
by Semyon Bychkov with Johan
Botha/Gegam Grigorian, Alexandru
Agacha/Alberto Mastromarino, Irina
Gordei/Jeanne-Michèle Charbonnet, Dec. 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20
and 21.

Macao under Portugal's influence. The English artist (1774-1852) spert the last 27 years of his life in the

colony. Testro Nacional de São Carlos, tel: (1) 346-5914. Verdi's "Nabucco." Directed by Stefano Poda, conducted by Giuliano Carella, with Giorgio Zancanaro, Kathleen MacCalla and Sun Yu. Dec. 17, 20, 23 and 28,

SWEDEN

Stockholm Liljevalchs Konsthall, tel: (8) 660-81-82. To Jan. 7: "Art as Resistance: German Painters Between the Wars." 200 paintings and works on paper by German artists who were politically committed. The works range from Garman Expressionism to the New Objectivity, with works by Grosz, Dix and Heartfield. The exhibition will travel to Helsinki.

SWITZERLAND

Zurich
Kunsthaus Zürich, tel: (1) 251-8765, closed Mondays. Continuing/To
Feb. 25: "100 Jahre Kino: IllusionEmotion-Realitäl." A survey of the
multiple aspects of the seventh art,
and the elements that enable film to
conjure its illusions convincingly for

UNITED STATES

Toyota City
Toyota City Municipal Museum of
Art. Continuing/To Jan. 7: "Masterplaces of Modern Art." More than 80
Impressionist and Post-Impressionist, German Expressionist and Surrealist works. Also features sculptures by Rodin, Moore and Arp. Lyric Opera of Chicago, tel: (312)332-2244. Janacek's "The Makropulos Affair." Directed by David Alden, conducted by Bruno Bartoletti, with Cetherine Malfitano, Kim Begley and Tom Fox. Dec. 9, 13 and 16.

> Houston
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> Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (713) 639To Jan. 2: "Visions of Love and Lite:
> Pre-Rephaelite Art from the Birmingham Collection, England." 100 paintings, drawings, sculptures and
> stained glass items by PreRephaelite artists Hunt, Rossetti and
> Mallate who except to path on aut to the Millais who sought to return art to the primitive simple forms found in the art of the Middle Ages and the Renals

American Craft Museum, lel: (212) 956-3535, closed Mondays. To Feb. 25: "White House Collection of American Crafts." 70 objects by American contemporary artists working in clay, fiber, glass, metal and wood, includes quitts, vessels, bowls

Washington National Gallery of Art, tel; (202) 842-6684, open daily. To Feb. 11: "Johannes Vermeer." 21 of the 35 works known to exist today. The Dutch painter has been admired throughout the centuries for the in timacy of his paintings, his depiction of light and shadow and his illusion-ism. The exhibition will travel to The

The Palmtop, the Smallest of All

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

S an unreconstructed back-ofthe envelope man, who scribbled many a brilliant thought over an inflight drink only to find that I'd lost the bit of paper, and a survivor of the Filofaxophiles and the laptop revolution, I now face the challenge of the ultimate portable office - the palmtop/handheld

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computer, otherwise known as the Personal Digital Assistant (PDA) or the chiliastic Personal Intelligent Communicator (PIC). The new generation of palmtops - like

the Psion 3A series, Sharp ZR-5000, and Hewlett-Packard 200LX — are about the size of a well-stuffed wallet and weigh just a few ounces. They have dinky little keyboards - not much good for serious typing, but O.K. for updating the résumé, working a spreadsheet, showing some pie charts to a customer or simply impressing fellow travelers.

State-of-the-art palmtops are powerful beasts that tackle the kind of task that would once have tied you to a laptop if not an office PC. You can upload or download files from a PC, send faxes, and send and receive data and e-mail via your mobile or in-flight phone. So welcome to the electronic edition of the back of the envelope.

Lightest and most compact of the palmtop PCs is the Psion 3A series, which packs a powerful word processor (shame about the minuscule but otherwise well laid-out screen), spreadsheet, a calculator that should satisfy a rocket scientist, plus a phone book/data base from which you can

retrieve the most fugitive entry. I can imagine using the Psion to download files from the office PC, say a spreadsheet or a contract, before a trip and update or customize them while on the road; and even print them out on paper or acetate for slides in the hotel room on a pocket-size Citizen printer. The idea is not to duplicate what them to a file. you've got on your PC but to download what you need for the time you're away.

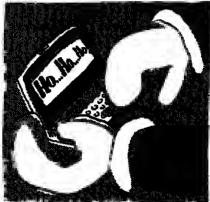
Psion runs useful software for travelers. A patience game; a chess program with amazing 3D graphics; Berlitz Phrase Book (2.800 phrases in 13 languages, including Japanese and Russian): Berlitz Interpreter (translates 28,000 words between five European languages); Autoroute Express (plots the best way to get between 7,200 places in Britain with maps allowing you to zoom in to a scale of 5 inches to one mile); and Microsoft Automap Road Atlas (spanning 50,000 places in the United States).

Psion, Sharp and Hewlett-Packard hook up to GSM mobile phones allowing you to send faxes and send and receive e-mail and short messages via SMS (Short Message Prices vary by market and models. (Quoted Hewlett-Packard. Price around £239.

Service) of around 50 words. Hewlett- here are manufacturers' recommended Packard allows you to receive faxes as prices in Britain.) Many dealers discount

The Sharp ZR-5000 has a larger screen typing. You can also write ootes and create maps and drawings by writing on the screen with a plastic "pen" that also serves as a mouse to navigate around the screen. What you write is captured as graphic images (so you can presumably read what you've written) which you can shrink or enlarge. And you can combine text, handwriting and drawings on one document, such as a fax. Both Sharp and Hewlett-Packard have infrared ports that provide a "wireless" connection to phones, printers, and other palmtops and PCs on the same principle as a TV

remote-control. Hewlett-Packard has just launched its Omnigo 100 - a simpler version of the



200LX — with a keyboard and screen that flips around the back so that it can be used as a notepad. It uses a system called Graffiti which recognizes characters (you have to learn a simplified version of the alphabet!) and, like the Sharp, can also store writing as images. You can save handwritten notes to be converted to text later, and you can also view and save maps and pictures or attach

EFORE buying a palmtop you might want to wait to see the Hewlett-Packard Omnigo 700 due out next spring. At the same time, the current 200LX will be updated and rebranded Omnigo 200. The Omnigo 700 will come with a removable Nokio GSM phone as an integral part of the unit. This is oot quite pocket-size. But expect

these gizmos to get progressively smaller.
The Omnigo 700 seems to set a new standard for palmtops as the computer function of a mobile phone, allowing twoway voice, text and handwritten communications. Here are the leading palmtop/PDAs.

20 to 30 percent.

 Casio SF-890 Digital Diary. 256Kb; than the Psion and a better keyboard for stores 10,000 names and phone numbers; 8 by 16mm display; schedule and memo functions; calculator. Size 16 by 144 by 78mm. Weighs 123g. Price around £140 (about \$215).

 Hewlett-Packard 200LX. A powerful computer bundled with Lorus 1-2-3 and Pocket personal finances software, phone book, diary, memo editor, scientific cal-culator, runs MS-DOS and Windows. You can swap files with desktop PCs or laptops via a standard slot; and send and receive faxes, e-mail or short messages. 3MB ROM and 2MB RAM (you can add up to 20MB of file memory). Built-in printer support. Measures 16 by 8.64 by 2.54 cm (6.3 by 3.4 by 1 in) and weighs 312g (11 ounces) with patteries. Price about £400 to

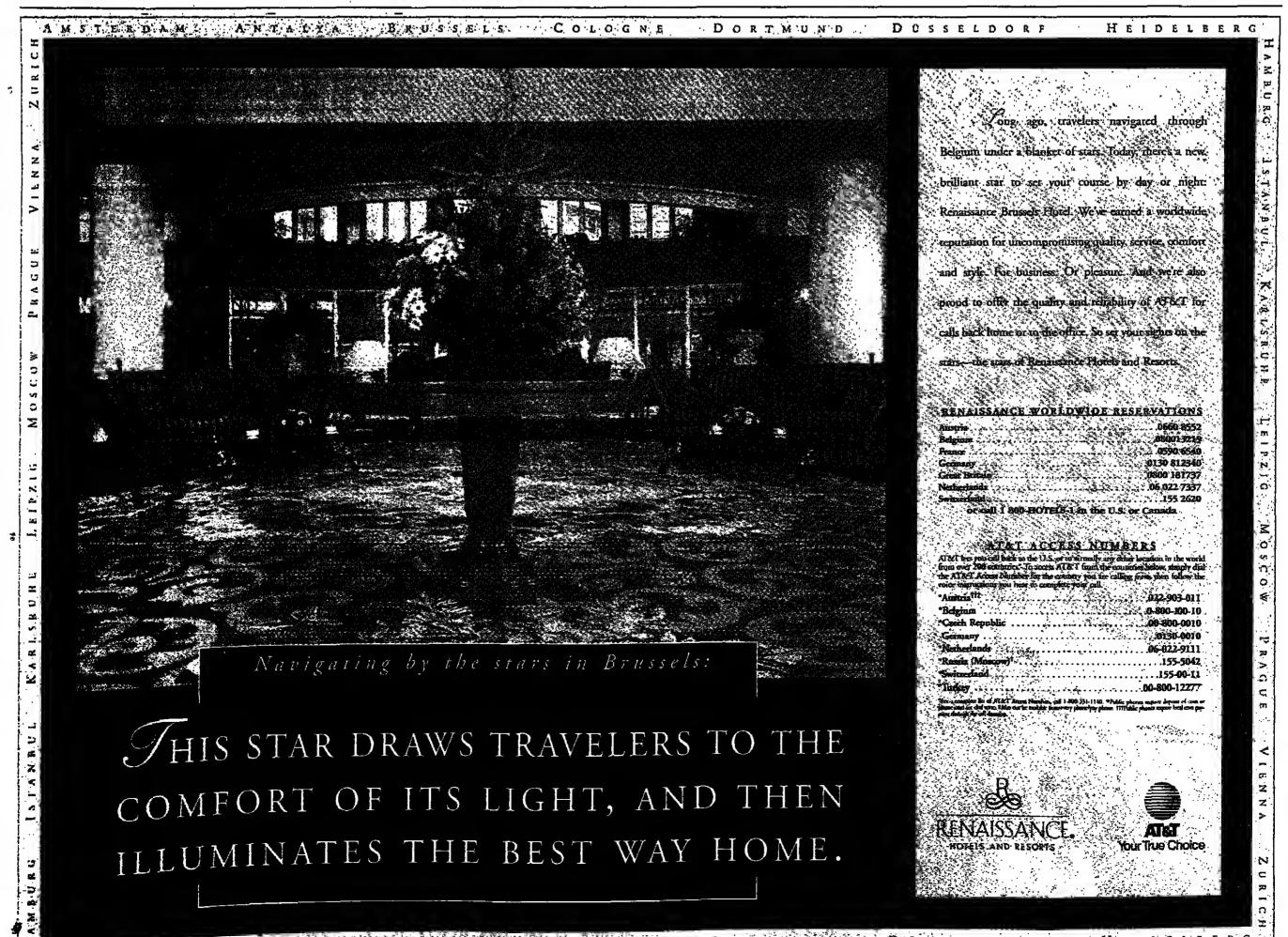
 Hewlett-Packard Omnigo 100 Organiser Plus. Allows you to enter handwritten notes and diagrams with touch-screen pen. Phonebook, notepad, spreadsheet, calculator. 3MB ROM and 1MB RAM. It measures 15.3 by 9.5 by 2.6cm and weighs 360g with batteries. No infrared port. Price around £290. Optional connectivity pack for PCs about £90.

 Psion 3A series. From 256K to 2MB RAM plus optional memory disks. Bundled with address book, time management, diary, word processing, spreadsheet, and financial calculator. Graphics screen with up to 80 characters by 25 lines (showing full A4 page width). MS-Dos compatibility. Size 16.5 by 8.5 by 2.2cm (6.5 by 3.3 by 0.9ins). Weighs 275g with batteries. Price from around £250 to £400. Optional software includes Psion 3Fax, send only fax/plus modern access to on-line information serves and e-mail (£200); PsWin with Windows allows you to transfer files to a PC or laptop (£80); Psion SMSLink GSM phone hook-up (£40); Autoroute Express, for U.K. and Ireland (£70); Microsoft Automap Road Atlas of United States (\$120 in U.S.); Berlitz Interpreter (£35): Berlitz Phrasebook (£35).

Sharp ZR-5000 Personal Digital Assistant. Works with a keyboard and pen to jot notes, sketch ideas, or type and sign a document. One MB of internal memory expandable to 16MB with RAM or Flash Memory cards. Bundled with SMS (Short Messaging Service); address book, ootepad, calculator and diary. An infrared port links you with a PC, GSM cellular or regular phones, or printers. Size 17 by 10 by 2.5cm. Weighs 385g. Price around £400.

Citizen PN60 laser quality portable

printer weighs 500g (1 pound) and measures 25.4 by 5.05 by 4.7 cm. Prints in black and white or color on plain A4 paper or acetate from Psion, Apple PowerBook, IBM PC, or



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Surplus Fell 51.8% In October, **Japan Says**

TOKYO - Japan posted the biggest decline in its monthly current-account surplus in five years Thursday as anto exports fell, imports rose and more of

its people took advantage of a strong yen to travel abroad. October's trade surplus shrank 51.8 percent from a year earlier, to \$4.3 billion, the Min-istry of Finance said, well be-low the \$5.6 billion surplus economists had predicted.

It was the second decline in a row and the sixth in the eight months. While economists said the munbers showed Japan's trade gap was on a shrinking trend, they added that October's

decline had been exaggerated.

"I'd be surprised if this pace of trade adjustment continues, for the simple reason that the domestic economy is weak," which will still demand for imports, said Russell Jones of Lehman Brothers in Tokyo.

The dollar slipped against the yen shortly after the figures were released, even though a narrower deficit implies that Japanese exporters have fewer dollars to sell for yen and so should strengthen the U.S. currency.

"In theory, this is positive for the dollar and negative for the yen," Mr. Jones said. "I'm sometimes amazed at the financial markets' inability to respond to Japanese economie

The current account is the broadest measure of trade because it includes merchandise as well as services such as travel and investment income and monetary transfers such as economic assistance and donations. October's decline was the

largest since November 1990, when the trade gap contracted 59 percent, the ministry said. The merchandise trade sur-

lus shrank 32.7 percent, to

EU Hits Grain Exporters **Steep New Tax Aims to Protect Supplies**

PARIS — The European Union slapped taxes on wheat exports for the first time in 21 years Thursday to make it harder for farmers to cash in on soaring world prices by selling grain abroad that is badly needed in the 15-member EU, farm officials said.

"The obligatory tax would make sure there are adequate supplies," said Gerry Kiely, the European Commission's agriculture spokesman. "Too much grain has been flowing out of the EU."

Officials at the EU said exporters now had a choice of paying a flat export tax of 25 En-ropean Currency Units (\$32.50) a metric ton which no one would pay, as it would make European wheat uncompetitive on the world market — or taking their chances with the EU pricing mechanism instituted six weeks ago.

Moreover, news that Russia had apparently returned as a big buyer in a market where drought has drastically cut world grain stocks

helped fuel a rally in grain prices.

The December wheat-funires contract in the Chicago Board of Trade funires pit soared 13 cents, to \$5.22 a bushel, on Thursday, a 15-year high. That compared with its former peaks of \$5.44 in 1980 and the all-time high of \$6.45 in

The new tax represented a stark contrast to the time the EU, the second-biggest grain exporter after North America, subsidized exports from its now-vanished huge surpluses.

After drought in Australia and North Africa, world stocks are now at their lowest point since the 1970s. EU public wheat stocks, for example, are down to 1.2 million tons from a peak of 13 million tons in 1993.

A private Russian grain-trading firm has ust bought 1.5 million tons of grain from the United States, Austria and Hungary, a Russian agricultural official said Thursday. In the Soviet era, such purchases sent shock waves through grain markets.

The firm, Roskhleboprodukt, declined to

give details of the purchase, but such an amount would probably be worth around \$300

million, analysts said.

The official, Vladimir Kotov, reiterated statements by other officials that despite a poor Russian harvest, Moscow would not finance grain imports this year.

Analysts said the needs of Russia and China could determine how much the world will have

to pay for its food oext year.

The key to prices will be any additional demand from China and the former Soviet Union," said Alan Willits, a manager based in Argentina for the American commodities concern, Cargill Inc.

John Miller, head wheat merchant at Con-tinental Grain Co. in Chicago, said that the Russians "have been away from the U.S. and the Western markets for the past three years and still have hurdles." But, he added, "they are a sleeping giant."

Elektrowatt Bids for a Rival

ZURICH - Elektrowatt

AG, a Swiss utilities company, said Thursday it would buy the electrical technology company Landis & Gyr AG for 1.8 billion Swiss francs (\$1.54 billion) as it seeks to focus on its buildingcontrols business. Elektrowatt is offering 950

Swiss francs for each Landis & Gyr share, a 31 percent premium to Landis & Gyr's closing price Wednesday of 727. The shares rose in morning trading Thursday to 730, while Elektrowatt stock dropped 5 francs, to 353. Both stocks were suspended in the afternoon. Landis & Gyr's board rec-

accept the offer.

"This takeover offer is part of the strategy already outlined this spring of focusing Elek-trowatt's business on electric power as well as security systems and building control," said Oskar K. Ronner, Elek-

trowatt's chief executive. Elektrowatt, which is 44 percent controlled by the financial services company CS Holding, said the bid would go through only if 70 percent of Landis & Gyr shares were tendered.

The company said it had already bought a 35 percent stake in Landis & Gyr from Unotec Holding, a company controlled

nology based company." Mr. Willis said if the deal

about 2.1 billion francs, roughleader, Honeywell Inc. of the United States

Elektrowatt is to pay for the

chmidheiny. John Willis, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities, said Elektrowatt was "moving from being a utility to a tech-

were completed. Elektrowatt would have annual sales in building-control systems of ly equal to those of the industry

purchase with credit, cash and the proceeds from as much as 1 billion francs in divestments.

for French money markets, to

4.70 percent from 4.80 percent.

Analysts have cited the Bank

in 1993, along with the rela-tively small number of foreign

investors in the French capital

markets, as contributing to the

French stocks were the main

beneficiaries of the rate cut, with

stability of the frane.

rare embrace by Microsoft of a product it had oot developed or bought.

Microsoft signed a letter of

expanding an agreement with Spyglass inc., whose technology is the basis for Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser. While its Internet strategies

weeks, Microsoft had kept people guessing about whether it would endorse Java.

About the Internet Microsoft Moves to Catch Up On Network's Popularity

Gates Gets Serious

REDMOND, Washington-Microsoft Corp. has decided to join some of its top competitors in exploiting the Internet instead of trying to beat them, the world software leader revealed

Thursday.
In outlining its Internet strategy, Microsoft said it would collaborate with competitor Oracle Corp. on Internet development and publishing tech-nologies, seeking to offer "richer and more active" content on the World Wide Web portion of the international

communications network. In addition, Microsoft said it would license the Java programming language from Sun Microsystems Inc., and it announced a deal to provide its Internet browser to Compuserve Inc., with which it

competes in on-line services. The endorsement of Sun's Java, for designing software that can be easily distributed on electronic networks, marked a

intent with Sun, the company

"What it shows is a willingness on our part to participate in the Internet and take what is out there," said Bill Miller, the director of marketing for the Microsoft Network. the company's on-line service. Microsoft also said it was

had been leaked for several

on francs in divestments.

(Bloomberg, AP, Reuters)

Because the program works on any kind of computer, it pos-

es a threat to Microsoft's dominance of the personal computer software business.

The announcements sent shares of Internet-related companies lower, but they did oot help Microsoft, as investors apparently bet that increasing competition would cut into

profitability. Microsoft's shares have been under pressure in recent weeks because the company appeared to have been caught off guard by the popularity of the Inter-

down 12.5 ceots, at \$90.50, while shares in Netscape Communications Corp., which makes a popular program for browsing the World Wide Web,

were down \$28.75, to \$132.50 Oracle and Sun bucked the trend, but Spyglass fell \$14.75, to \$95.25.

The cooperation with Oracle and Sun is ootable because Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates, has been engaged in a war of words with the leaders of those companies over the future of

computing.
While Mr. Gates is betting that people will want increasingly powerful computers, Oracle and Sun have predicted that much of the processing power will migrate to central servers that provide video-based information and can be reached via electronic appliances that could cost as little as

Last month, the chairmeo of International Business Machines Corp. and Novell Inc. supported that view.

Despite his differing view on hardware, bowever, Mr. Gates has always supported the idea that global computer networks would be increasingly impor-(Bloomberg,

AP, AFX, Reuters)

Thinking Allega /Commentary

French Mistakes Come Home to Roost

By Reginald Dale

wal Herold Tribune ASHINGTON - Three men bear a heavy respon-sibility for the strikes that are currently crippling France and threatening the future of economic and monetary union in Europe — and they are not the leaders of the labor unions.

The guilty parties are the country's three senior conservative politicians. President Jacques Chirac; his prime minister, Alain Juppé, and the previous prime min-ister, Edouard Balladur, whose leadership errors are now coming home to roost.

Since their Ganllist party's victory in parliamentary elections in the spring of 1993, all three have consistently sent the wrong signals to the French people.

Instead of preparing public opinion for the radical reforms needed to ensure that

France can compete in the 21st century, the Gaullist leaders have broadcast the mes-sage that change need not be painful and are the most pessimistic of all Europeans that if anyone strongly objects to it, change will not be imposed. In his two years in office, Mr. Ballachir

capitulated in virtually every confrontation - with workers at Air France, with fishermen and with students - and Mr. Chirac entered the Flysée Palace this spring promising to cure all the country's ills, starting with unemployment, without any hardship.

Mr. Juppé made matters worse by sum-marily dismissing his finance minister, Alain Madelin, whose ideas had offended

the unions. By the time Mr. Juppe produced his first serious plan for budget cuts and welfare reform last mooth, the Gaullists had virtually guaranteed that it

would be met with protests.
It is good, of course, that Mr. Juppé has finally committed himself to serious reform. He is right to insist that France faces a choice between change and decline. But he has badly mistaken the public mood.
Roland Cayrol, one of the country's top

Three-quarters of the population would prefer to let the franc slide and go for growth, rather than cut the budget deficit.

about their economic future and have reached the point where they are opposed

to almost any government decision.

Mr. Cayrol, who spoke at a Washington seminar organized by U.S. CREST, the Center for Research and Edncation on Strategy and Technology, de-picted a population deeply cynical about politicians and doubtful whether Mr. Chirac is qualified to be president. After trying almost every political

believe Paris can cure unemployment which is their prime concern. There is a widening gap between the elite, which regards Mr. Juppe's plan as courageous, and the general public, which sees it as unfair, technocratic and ineffective.

Basically, the French people know the world is changing and that France will have to adapt, but they are afraid of what change will mean in practice and would like to put it off if possible.

Mr. Cayrol says three-quarters of the population would prefer to let the franc alide and go for growth, rather than out the budget deficit to prepare for a single European currency. The single currency

can wait, they feel can wait, they feel.

That is the alternative policy that is ready in the wings should Mr. Juppé fail. It would not solve France's problems — it has been tried many times before. It would mean an end to further serious attempts at reform in France, the bankruptcy of the social security system, a postponement of the move to a single European correccy and a crisis in the Buropean that Mr. I would have

But it is not yet sure that Mr. Juppé has lost his gamble. He may be right not to negotiate now, when the strikers are so swept up in what Mr. Cayrol calls "the sure of confrontation." Better to wait till January - after a Christmas hill.

But the government has obviously got to change its attitude. Leadership means being honest about what lies ahead and combination in government over the past not too late for Mr. Juppé—15 years, most French people no longer Mr. Chirac — to learn that. not too late for Mr. Juppé - and above all

To Realign

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON - The World Bank's president, James D. Wolfensohn, ending months of speculation, has informed semor executives of a "restructuring" that includes appointing five managing directors with well-defined areas of responsibility, bank officials

top management team is to provide a framework for liberating the energies and skills of the rest of the organization," Mr. Wolfensohn said Thursday. These appointments are the beginning of a process, not the

countries and holds a \$200 bil-lion portfolio of loans aimed at fostering economic advancement in developing nations. Its critics have accused it of being overly bureaucratic and losing touch with the needs of the poor, making many of its loans ineffective at fighting poverty.

Mr. Wolfensohn has indicat-

The European Union's commissioner for relations with Eastern Europe, Hans van den Broek, announced plans for an international conference this month on the reconstruction of Bosnia and Croatia, Reuters re ported from Budapest.

ganized by the European Commission and the World Bank. will be held in Brussels on Dec. 20 and 21. Those invited include potential donors, international financial organizations and representatives of the Islamic Con-

World Bank Bank of France Warms Markets

PARIS - The Bank of France reduced a key interest rate Thursday, giving a boost to financial markets and an econ-omy pressured by a 2-week-old Leadership

By Paul Blustein

Although some traders had feared the bank might raise rates to defend the franc from speculation sparked by the strike, the currency has not come under severe pressure. of France's ability to convince the markets of its independence have disclosed. since it was granted autonomy

The move, Mr. Wolfensohn's first major personnel decision since taking over at the Washington-based lending organization in June, appears aimed partly at giving him and a group of trusted lieutenants better control over the bank's operations and diminishing the ability of its many vice presidents to establish their own areas of control.

"The key purpose of the new

The bank, which employs more than 9,000 people in Washington, is owned by 179

ed he agrees with some of the criticism and seeks to make the bank better attimed to the needs of its borrowers.

■ Balkans Conference

The conference, jointly orference Organization.

the CAC-40 index rising 12.05

points, to 1,846.80, while most European equity markets weakened. The mark rose to 3.4475 3.4420, but the German currency strike by public workers

The central bank reduced its intervention rate, the floor rate had traded as high as 3.4580

German yields widening to 0.75 percentage point from 0.70. But French yields remain far below those of Britain, whose currency is outside the European Monetary System's exchange-rate mechanism. The 10-year British

gilt ended at a yield of 7.42 percent, up from 7.35 percent. Economists said they were surprised by the central bank's move but called it an economically justified vote of support for the conservative French

government's fiscal policies. The size of the cut made it not coming into work, she said. (Reuters, Bloomberg) more symbolic than anything

else, they said, though a powerful symbol. "It's very important," said Darren Williams. economist at Merrill Lynch & francs in European trading from Co. in Paris. "It's obviously an expression of support for the

Juppé government."

The strike seems to be hitting during the day.

French 10-year bond yields rose to 6.82 percent from 6.75 percent, with the spread above transport kept shoppers away particularly hard. The lack of from the big Parisian depart-ment stores. Small retailers, whose profit margins tend to be lower, also suffered.

Sales at Galeries Lafayette's flagship store on Boulevard Haussman in Paris have dropped 50 percent since the strike began, compared with the like period a year earlier, a spokeswoman, Sandrine Couturier, said. At stores in the provinces, the decline was 10 percent. Between 15 percent and 25 percent of employees are

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CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts Learning Co. agreed to a sweetened \$606 million takeover bid by Softkey International Inc., the two educational software makers announced Thursday.

The companies said the agreement meant Learning was terminating its earlier deal with Broderbund Software Inc.

The revised bid is "clearly in the best interests of the Learning Co.'s stockholders," Bill Dinsmore, the chief executive of Learning, said.

Softkey launched its bostile bid Oct. 30, offering \$606 million worth of stock. Bot its shares have declined in receot weeks, reducing the value of that offer.

Broderbund's rival offer, initially worth about \$550 million, has also declined in value with its stock price. Just before Learning and Soft Key announced their deal, Broderbund stock was trading at \$58.31 a share, making its bid worth just under \$500 million.

Learning shareholders were to meet in four days to vote on the friendly offer from Broderbund. The meeting has since been

Broderbund does not intend to challenge

HIGHLAND PARK, Michigan

Chrysler Corp. raised its quarterly dividend again Thursday in its effort to blunt crit-

icism from the investor Kirk Kerkorian that

the automaker was not giving enough back

The company declared the 20 percent

It also announced that it had completed SI

billion of its stock buyback plan. It doubled

increase in the dividend, to 60 cents a share,

bid, a spokesman said.

thought our offer was as high as we could he said.

Softkey will buy the nearly 8.28 million Learning shares outstanding for \$67.50 each, or \$558 million. Softkey also will offer \$48 million of its common stock in exchange for Learning stock options that its employees had yet to exercise.

Softkey made the sweetened offer Monday, and the two companies began discussions Tuesday.

Their combination will create the biggest educational software company in a market with retail sales of \$500 million in 1994. Learning officials had expressed con-

cern that if Softkey took it over, it would slash prices and research and development at the Fremont, California, company. Softkey has maintained that Learning would benefit from lower prices.

Softkey sells its software in supermarkets and other general outlets for less than \$20. Many of its programs have been purchased from other companies and repackaged for the mass market.

Chrysler Approves New Dividend Increase

We made a promise to return excess

Mr. Kerkorian's investment concern,

Tracinda Corp., dismissed the increase as

'another small step in the right direction,'

but other investors cheered the move.
"I think it demonstrates their respon-

cash to shareholders through further div-

idend increases or share repurchases,

25 percent, to 50 cents a share.

Chairman Robert Eaton said.

Broderbund and Learning typically sell \$64.125.

Softkey Gets Learning Co. to Give In the sweetened Softkey offer with a higher their programs in the \$40 to \$80 range. Learning shares closed \$3.875 higher at With a total market of \$500 million, we \$67.125, and Softkey stock gained \$1.875 to \$31. Broderbund shares feli \$1 to \$58. (AP. Bloomberg)

■ Tribune Deflates Forecasts

Tribune Co.'s 1995 earnings will probably be at the low end of analysts' per share estimates, the company's chief financial officer said, according to news agency reports from New York

The estimates are from \$3.80 to \$3.90 a share, Donald Grenesko said at a confer-

But he said growth in earnings per share could be in the "low double digits" in 1996 if the company did oot sell its 53 percent stake in Quno Corp., a print mill company. If the planned sale takes place in early 1996, the growth will be more moderate, he added, without elaborating.

The company has budgeted \$400 million for acquisitions in 1996, which includes its proposed \$150 million investment in Softkey International, its chief executive of-

ficer, Don Madigan said.
Tribune shares closed \$2.125 lower, at (Reuters, Bloomberg)

million Chrysler shares.

Profit-Taking Hits Hard at the Dow

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — U.S. stocks led the descent. posted their biggest drop in six weeks Thursday as investors, less optimistic that interest rates will tumble and that profits will surge in 1996, sold stocks to

book gains. There is extraordinary skitamong small investors and large investors," said Hugh Johnson, First Albany Corp.'a

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market strategist. "Everyone has been caught by surprise by this move up in stocks since the end of November. It has daz-zled them but made them extremely nervous. They're just simply going to cash it in."

After three straight record days, the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 Index dropped as shares of banks --- among the year'a best performers - retreated.

The Dow industrials alid 39.74 to close at 5,159.39, the biggest drop since a 49.86-point slide on Oct. 26. Before Thursday's drop, the 30-stock average was up 2.5 percent for the program, to \$2 billion, two months ago.

In March, Chrysler raised its dividend by move," said Bill Patterson, a director of the the past four daya - surpassing Teamsters' pension fund, which holds 1.1 the 2.1 percent gain it registered for all of 1994.

The company made no decision on re-Shares of Caterpillar, Boeplacing Joseph Antonini, the former Kmart ing, General Motors and Alu-Corp. chairman who resigned three weeks minum Co. of America led the decline, helping pusb the av-Mr. Kerkorian failed in an April effort to erage down as much as 50.58 points, which triggered the New York Stock Exchange's Chrysler shares closed down 62.5 cents 'uptick' rule late in the day. The rule curbs some computerguided trading in an attempt to

stabilize the market. About three stocks fell for every two that advanced on the Big Board, where some 379 million shares changed hands. That was above the threemonth daily average of 364 mil-

tion share: The S&P 500 also retreated from a record, sliding 4.01 to close at 616.17. It was the index's first drop in five days and biggest one-day decline since a 5.75-point slide on Oct. 26. Shares of bank, drug, utilities and telephone companies

By selling bank and other interest-rate-sensitive stocks, investors expressed less confidence that the Federal Reserve would lower interest rates

at its meeting in 12 days. The Nasdaq, meanwhile, fell and nervousness 8.56 to close at 1,053.17, its third straight drop after registering a record 1,069.79 on Monday. It was the index's biggest drop since Nov. 20. Shares of America Online, 3Com, Amgen and U.S. Healthcare suffered the steepest

> The economic figures show an economy alowing down, so maybe the profit picture for 1996 is not so bright." said Alan Newman, a market analyst at H.D. Brous & Co. "If profits are lower, what's the reason to own stocks?

> Bonds fell and yields rose from a two-year low set Monday amid concern that the rally would falter without new signs that the economy's growth was

> Michael Marzano, a bond futures trader at Fimat Futures USA in Chicago, said it was unclear whether "current economic conditions justify sub-6 ercent bond yields, and that's what the bond market is wrestling with."

> benchmark 30-year The bond fell 24/32, pushing its yield up five basis points to 6.08

> After rallying the past eight days, bank shares retreated on concern that the Fed would not cut rates. Banks benefit from lower rates because they can borrow for less and keep more of the money they take in from

financial stocks, Among financial stocks, Citicorp fell 2½ to 70, Chemical Banking slid 23/s to 60, BankAmerica dropped 2 to 6612, and First Fidelity Bancorp slid 13% to 7734.

Shares of Internet-related companies fell as Microsoft unveiled a surprise strategy to enter the Internet market.

(Bloomberg, AP)

Very briefly:

Transport Sector Hits Factory Orders

WASHINGTON (Combined Dispatches) — Factory orders fell in October for the first time in three months, the Commerce Department said Thursday, led by a sharp drop in demand for transportation equipment.

The decline of 0.3 percent was smaller than many analysts had expected, after rises of 1.4 percent in September and 2.7 percent in August. Excluding transportation, orders rose 1.4 percent in October after being unchanged the previous month.

Economists said a slight rise in the report's inventory-toshipments ratio suggested factory production would slow in the (AP, Knight-Ridder)

Valu let Shares Fall on Delta Deal

ATLANTA (Bloomberg) — Stock in ValuJet Airlines Inc. fell sharply Thursday after Delta Air Lines and its pilots union tentatively agreed Wednesday to set up a competing low-cost carrier. ValuJet shares fell \$3.125 in late trading, to \$21.25. The stock fell \$3.25 Wednesday, with most of the decline coming after Delta and the pilots announced their accord.

 Harold Fitzgerald Lenfest, a former board member of Liberty Media Corp., and his wife, Marguerite, were charged with insider trading ahead of Bell Atlantic Corp.'s unsuccessful 1993 bid for Telecommunications Inc. and Liberty Media Corp.

 Overseas Private Investment Corp. provided a record \$10.6 billion in assistance to U.S. businesses investing overseas in fiscal might cut interest rates when its policy-1995, compared with \$7.7 billion in 1994.

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Tietmeyer Talks Dollar Up Against Mark

NEW YORK - The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark Thursday after the presideot of the Bundesbank said the U.S.

currency remained undervalued. Hans Tietmeyer's comments, coming in the wake of reports suggesting that Germany's economy remained sluggish. raised speculation that the Bundesbank setting council met next week.

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francs from 4.9800 francs but rose to 1.1715 Swiss francs from 1.1710 francs. The pound slipped to \$1.5340 from \$1.5420. "It's Tietmeyer that got us going," said Kevin Lawrie of Mellon Bank.

Mr. Tietmeyer said the rise of the mark from 1.4465 DM, but slipped to 101.45 yen this year was "not favorable" and that the from 101.60 yen. It fell to 4.9735 French dollar was still at an "inappropriate" level against the mark. The dollar is down about percent against the mark for the year.
Mr. Tietmeyer added that he saw no new

ago under pressure from Mr. Kerkorian.

buy Chrysler but still holds a large stake.

signs of worldwide inflation.

The oumbers out of Germany indicate softness for their economy," said Thomas Benfer of Bank of Montreal in New York, That just builds the case for lower rates."

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Littlewoods Says It's Not for Sale

Decision Rebuffs 2 Bids

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Littlewoods had a profit of £116 million last year on sales

Based in Liverpool, Little-woods is owned by 32 descen-dants of Sir John Moores, who founded the company in 1923 as

a football-pools business. Lit-

tlewoods expanded into cata-

logue shopping in 1932 and into

city-center retail shops in 1937.
Mr. Moores died two years

ago, leaving his children and grandchildren the Littlewoods

Stores Group, Littlewoods Pools and the Liverpool Football

Since his death, boardroom

battles, competition from

Britain's national lottery and a

recession have hit earnings, and

the company has warned that

this year's profit would be

"some way below" last year's.

according to some estimates.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches the family-owned concern to LONDON — Littlewoods release financial information to Organisation PLC, a retailer, catalogue company and footballpools operator, said Thursday its shareholders had voted against putting Britain's largest closely held corporation up for sale.

At an extraordinary meeting, the company said, shareholders rejected by an 'overwhelming nize the wishes of shareholders majority" any sale of the company and a resolution that would have forced the board of

Allied Irish Adds Govett Group to Investment Fold

AFX News

LONDON — Allied Irish Banks PLC said Thursday it would acquire John Govett Group from Govett & Co. for £101 million (\$152 million).

It said the agreement was conditional on winning the support of Govett & Co.'s shareholders and on regulatory approvals.

When the transaction is

completed, Govett & Co. will change its name to London Pacific Group Ltd. John Govett Group will continue to trade under the Govett name.

Allied Irish will acquire Govett Group through a new company, John Govett Holdings Ltd., in which Allied Irish will own a 75 percent stake on a fully diluted basis.

The management team will have a 20 percent stake, and Govett Oriental Investment Trust PLC will hold the remaining 5 percent.
Allied Irish said it

planned to integrate Govett Group into its investment services business to create a single asset-management operation.

Govett Group manages 23 billion of assets for institutional and retail clients and has a staff of 130.

Hungary Unloads Utilities

By Alan Krauss Special to the Herald Tribune

BUDAPEST - Hungary put its gas distribution network into corporate hands Thursday, becoming the first of the former Communist countries to get completely out of a ma-Shareholders have no imjor utility sector, and sold parts mediate intention that the comof its electricity industry, Gyorgy Valyi, managing pany should be sold," Little-

woods' chairman, Leonard van director of Hungary's State Privatization & Holding Co., The board now expects othsaid Gaz de France had bought er potential offerers to recogthe largest share of the assets on offer. It paid \$92 million and not prolong the period of for Degaz, an operation that serves 364,000 customers in The vote dealt a rebuff to two southwestern Hungary and publicly disclosed bids. This sells about 1.1 billion cubic

week, N. Brown Group PLC meters of gas a year. and Iceland Group PLC joined forces in a £1.1 billion (\$1.68 The French company also and about the only thing they offered \$77 million for Egaz, which delivers 503 million sector." She was referring to billion) offer for the company, and Littlewoods' ousted chief cubic meters of gas annually executive, Barry Dale, led a bid to 140,000 customers in valued at the same amount in northwestern Hungary.

Meanwhile, Mr. Valyi said, German consortium of Ruhrgas AG and VEW AG planned to pay \$52 million for just over 50 percent of Ddgaz, which sells 524 million cubic meters of gas a year to 174,000 customers in south-

central Hungary. Elizabeth McCrary, an analyst with Cambridge Energy Research Associates in Paris, said Hungary had gone be-yond other former Communist countries by selling off what had been a regulated monopoly utility sector. In recent years, only Britain has Hungary."

U.K. in 1986, and that's pretty radical in Europe," Ms. Mc-Crary said.

But she added that Hungary was only doing what it had found it necessary to do.

"The Hungarian govern-ment has a budget deficit," sbe said. "It had to raise \$2 billion to meet requirements,

The prices reflect the real business values of these companies.'

International Monetary Fund requirements. "It worked because there

were buyers," she said.
"They've done well." In addition, the Hungarian

privatization agency will sell stakes of 46 percent to 49 percent in six regional electricity distribution companies to Electricité de France, Bayernwerk and two other German utility companies, RWE AG and Isar Amperwerke AG.

"The prices reflect the real business values of these companies," Mr. Valyi said.
"They're good prices — what we expected. I think it's the most successful tender ever in

conducted a comparable sale. Mr. Valyi said an agree-"This looks a lot like the ment with another German consortium. Bayernwerk/ EVN, on the sale of a majority stake in the last remaining regional gas distributor, Kogaz in the southwest, could be

reached by Monday. The consortium will acquire Kogaz for about \$67 million unless it gets a surprise offer.

A majority of the eastern gas distributor Tigaz was sold a week ago to Italgas, a unit of Ente Nazionale de Idrocarburi, for \$172 million, and the Budapest municipal gas company will go to Ruhrgas for about \$130 million.

Privatization officials also announced that a group of European utilities would buy stakes valued at \$1.3 billion in six of Hungary's regional electricity distributors and two power plants.

Bids were rejected for five other power plants, as well as for the 24 percent of the central power company, known as MVM Rt., that was on offer.

A group led by RWE will buy minority stakes in three electric companies, including the Budapest utility, and an 800-megawan coal-fired generating plant in Matra, north-east of Budapest.

Powerfin SA, a unit of Belpower plant.

The privatization agency refused to disclose prices on the individual deals. Contracts are to be signed Friday.

gium's Tractebel, bought a minority share in a second

Fortis Posts Rise in 9-Month Profit

The Moores brothers' fortune has fallen to about £900 UTRECHT, Netherlands million from 1.7 billion in 1994, Fortis, the Dutch-Belgian financial-services group, said Mr. Moores's sons, John and Thursday that its net profit rose Peter, both in their 60s, and 30 14 percent, to 469 million Enother family members are ropean Currency Units (\$609 shareholders in the company million) in the first nine that made football pools a big months, buoyed by higher income from its banking and in-

But the family, meeting at the Fortis's Belgian arm, Fortis company's headquarters in Liv-AG, posted a profit increase of 11 percent, to 8.31 billion Belerpool, decided not to open their books to potential buyers francs (\$280.7 million), and not to countenance bids for while Fortis Amey NV, the Datch part of the company, re-(Bloomberg, Reuters) ported a rise of 10 percent, to

surance operations.

518.7 million guilders (\$322 million). Fortis said foreign-currency

er profit growth than the company as a wbole. Still, the company said it had

raised its full-year profit forecast and oow expected net to improve by "at least" 12 per-cent in 1995. The company previously predicted improved profit for the year but without giving a figure. For the third quarter, Fortis's

group net profit rose 14 percent,

That included an operating profit of 136.9 million ECUs for the company's banking translations were the reason its business, more than double its two parent companies had low- 67.3 billion ECUs of operating profit in the third quarter of Fortis is the biggest insurer in

the Benelux region, with assets totaling more than 110 billioo ECUs, and is believed to be the 10th-largest financial-services company in the world. Fortis AG's shares closed at ,480 Belgian francs, down 5, in Brussels; Fortis Amev NV's

shares closed at 104 guilders,

down 3, in Amsterdam.

GEC Profit Rises as **Orders Soar**

Compiled by Our Staff From Desputches LONDON - General Electric Co. of Britain said Thursday its first-half pretax profit rose 6.3 percent and its order book stood at a record high.

The defense contractor and electronics maker said it earned £402 million (\$619.4 million) before taxes through September. It credited the gain to strong telecommunications equipment exports and improved profit at its office equipment unit.

The news helped push General Electric shares up 12 peoce to close at 314.

They're very much on k.' said Keith Sykes of Crédit Lyonnais. "Orders in defense are coming in surprisingly well considering the climate. General Electric said orders utstanding rose 15 percent, to £13.7 billion, while sales grew 1

percent, to £4.89 billion. The company forecast that its company's most troublesome segments, power systems and defense electronics, would show improved profit over the rest of

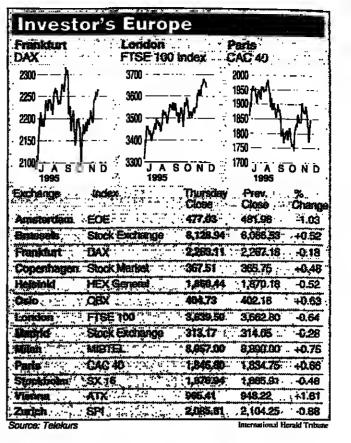
General Electric - which is unrelated to General Electric Co. of the United States - also said it had unexpectedly high development costs on some defense electronics contracts and slower sales in its power equipment

business, GEC Alsthom Ltd. A 51 percent increase in exports of telecommunications equipment raised profit at the GPT Ltd. unit 15 percent, to £62 million. Sales rose 7 percent, to £464 million. (AP. Bloomberg)

■ Inquiry at Alcatel
Alcaiel CIT, the telecommunications-equipment unit of Al-catel Alsthom, said four of its executives had been placed under formal investigation as part of a continuing investigation of

alleged overbilling, Reuters re-

ported from Paris. A spokesman said the chairman and chief executive, Gérard Dega; a board member, Claude Tournier, and two unidentified executives had been told they were being investigated. The in-quiry already has led to the brief detention of Alcatel CIT's former chairman. Pierre Guichet. and the departure of Pierre Sward as Alcatel Alsthom's chairman.



Very briefly:

sales rose 6 percent, to £765.9 million.

• Ente Nazinnale Idrocarburi said the Italian government earned 6.3 trillion lire (\$3.95 billion) from the sale of 15 percent of the energy company.

• Italy's trade surplus widened 19 percent, to 31.95 trillion lire, in the first nine months of the year.

• Greenalls Group PLC'a pretax profit rose 18 percent in its latest year, to £100.5 million (\$154.8 million), as the independent pub operator benefited from a renegotiation of beer contracts;

Compass Group PLC is bolding talks to sell its health-care unit; it declined to disclose its asking price but said estimates of £175 million to £200 million were not "out of the ballpark."

• Trygg-Hansa AB, a Swedish insurance company, plans to restructure by combining insurance, saving and financing operations into one group.

Bremer Vulkan Verbund AG's former chief executive, Friedrich Hennemann, is under investigation for allegedly misleading shareholders about the financial condition of the unprofitable German shipbuilder.

The European Union's unemployment rate stood at 10.6 percent in October, unchanged from September and down from 11 percent a vear earlier.

 Merck KGaA's net profit rose 48 percent, to 273 million Deutsche marks (\$189 million) in the first nine months of the year, as sales rose to 4.7 billioo DM from 4.2 billion DM. The company expects net profit for the year to be "sharply higher" than the 318 million DM it earned last year.

 Norway's gross domestic product excluding offshore oil and gas revenue rose 1.1 percent in the third quarter from the second quarter and 2.7 percent year-on-year.

 ZPS Zlin AS of the Czech Republic launched a 1 billion koruna (\$37.6 million) joint vecture with Okuma Corp. of Japan to produce machine-tool units for the U.S. market.

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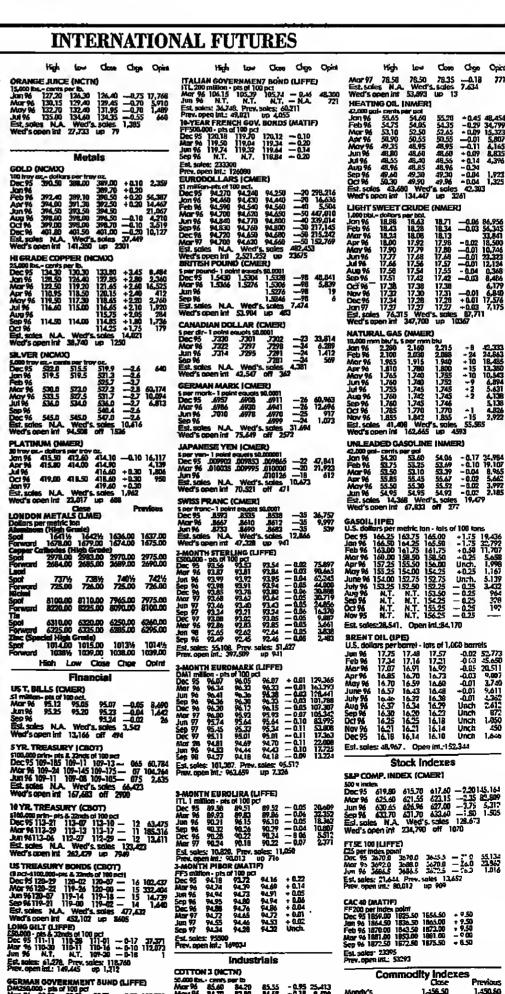
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Tokai Bank Will Take Over Failed Osaka Credit Union

12-Month Total Rises to 8 Bank Collapses

damage from the country's eighth banking failure in 12 months as Tokai Bank Ltd. said Thursday it would take over an Osaka-based credit union in a plan supported by financial authorities.

Osaka Shinyo Kumiai, the credit union, had unrecoverable loans totaling 150 billion yen (\$1.48 billion), most of them related to Japan's Corp., which insures deposits with funds pro-

Tokai, one of Japan's 11 largest commercial banks, will absorb the more than 300 billion yen where the funds would come from, but he said of deposits at Osaka Shinyo Kumiai as well as the Finance Ministry was asking the Osaka pre-

up in March to take over two failed Tokyo credit

Since last December, eight Japanese financial institutions have failed under the weight of bad loans left from speculative real-estate lending in the 1980s. Among the eight were Hyogo Bank and Kizu Credit Cooperative, both based in Osaka.

"We apologize to the people in the Osaka area because we have yet to finish cleaning up the Kizu collapse," said Isamu Yamada, governor of Osaka Prefecture.

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The Finance Ministry said the takeover was system.

TOKYO — Japan took action to limit the and avoid concern about the credibility of the regional financial system.

"We believe that there will be no further financial failures that will affect the national financial system and would like to ensure there will be none," Mr. Nishimura said.

He added that Japan's Deposit Insurance

property slump, according to Yoshimasa vided by commercial banks, was likely to pro-Nishimura, head of the banking bureau at the vide 70 billion yen to fund the plan.

That meant the takeover plan still needed more than 80 billion yen. The official did not say

the credit union's recoverable loans, according to officials at the Osaka Prefecture and the Ministry of Finance.

The credit union's delinquent loans will be turned over to Tokyo Kyodo Bank, which was set Problem loans at Japan's banking instinctions and the March to take over two failed Tokyo credit. Problem loans at Japan's banking institutions are officially estimated at about 37 trillion yen, of which about 18 trillion yen are considered uncollectable. Some private estimates put the totals

> News of the takeover did not hurt the Tokyo stock market, which has been strong lately. The Nikkei stock average rose 344.46 points Thursday, to finish at 19,412.32, bringing its advance to 3 percent so far this week. Analysts said one reason for the rise was a market perception that Japan is dealing with the problems in its banking (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Shirt King Keeps It Ön

BELING — China's top shirtmaker said Thursday that he could cope with tariff cuts that will slash prices of thousands of imported goods Jan. 1 but warned that local makers of for-

Niu Xizhi, director of Beijing Dahua, a state-owned confor the nation's leaders since the 1950s, said that in the longer term China must develop its own brand names to compete in the world market.

President Jiang Zemin anmany Chinese companies.

eign brands would be hard hit.

nounced last month that in 1996 China would cut tariffs of 35.9 percent on 4,000 items to about 22 percent. The news sounded alarm bells in boardrooms of

Henderson Land Stirs Shareholder Concern With New-Stock Sale

along with 2.28 billion dol-

lars it raised selling bonds in

property projects along a rail-

way being built to the ter-

rilory's new airport.
Mr. Lee said last month that

Housing prices have slumped

by about one-third since March 1994 as interest rates

Executives at Henderson

Land did not respond to calls

asking why, if Mr. Lee is so

optimistic about property

prices, he chose not to hold

lot of problems answering this

question," said Franklin Lam,

The timing of the share

Henderson Land sold the

shares less than two months

after it paid shareholders -

If Henderson Land needed

Mr. Lee received 1.08 bil-

At the time, the move raised

concern that Henderson was

not investing enough in its

main property business. Hen-

derson paid the dividend even

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slowed to 16 percent this year

an analyst at HG Asia Ltd.

sale is not the only thing wor-

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The company will have a

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have risen.

HONG KONG - Lee pany would use the money,

Shau Kee, the chairman of Henderson Land Development Co. and one of Hong Japan this week, to invest in Kong's richest men, has just sent a message to his shareholders: Sell.

With shares in the property company up 25 percent this the real-estate market was year, Mr. Lee decided it was poised to rebound next year. time to sell 2.2 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$284,4 million) of new stock. To many analysts, the sale Wednesday suggested that Henderson executives think the company's

share price has peaked. "Lee Shan Kee wouldn't sell cheap," said Anthony Yeung, the chief investment officer of Oriental Investors. 'This will dampen in-

vestors' confidence. Henderson Land's share price has fallen 2 dollars, or 4 percent, to 46.10 dollars in the past two days, belping to pull the benchmark Hang Seng In-dex down 1 percent. The index fell 34.91 points, to 9,863.98,

on Thursday. including Lee Shau Kee - an The share sale itself was extra 1 dollar dividend for well received: The company each share they owned. sold almost 5 million more shares than it had planned to money, it could have foregone because of brisk demand from that dividend, analysts said. investors in Hong Kong, Eulion dollars from the payout. rope and the United States. bankers and brokers said.

But the timing of the share sale raised questions about Mr. Lee's own forecast that Hong Kong's property market is about to pull out of an 18-month slump.

Henderson Land's bankers from 50 percent last year.

Split NTT, Report Tells Tokyo

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispotcher TOKYO - A Japanese government panel set targets Thursday for further and faster deregulation and called for the breakup of Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp.

The panel also recommended simplifying regulations on foreign investment in the telecommunications sector.

It called for an early lifting of the ban on holding companies, greater access for foreign materials to the construction industry and extended trading hours for large retail stores.

The panel made no significant recommendations on agriculture, calling only for "wider discussion" of farm deregulation. The panel's most important

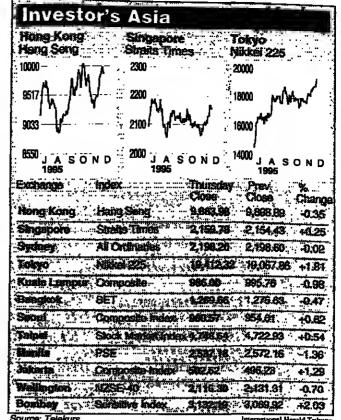
recommendation was the breakup of NTT to foster telecommunications competltion. But it did not spell out how the breakup should proceed, calling only for "broad, full discussions.

The president of NTT crit-icized the finding as lacking sufficient explanation.

The administrative reform committee's deregulation sub-committee, headed by the chairman of IBM Japan Ltd., Takeo Shiina, made 53 recommendations in 12 areas, almost all con-

fined to the domestic economy. Other proposals include steps to allow companies to raise funds in the stock market more easily, to expand management of Japan's pension funds by foreign financial institutions and to abolish rules limiting establish-

ment of large retail stores. (AFP, Reuters, Bloomberg)



Very briefly:

Japan's investment in plant and equipment abroad rose \$21.74 billion, or 27.7 percent, from a year earlier in the six months ended in September, as many companies moved productioo abroad because of the surge in the yen.

 Indonesian stocks rose to their highest point in more than three mooths after a cabinet reorganization that analysts said was a sign the government remained committed to deregulation.

Acer Inc., Taiwan's computer giant, said its sales in the January-November period this year surged 90 percent from the like period a year earlier.

A Filipino-Japanese consortium led by A. Soriano Corp. and Itochu Corp. plans a \$300 million cement plant in Cebu, the Philippines, according to a statement filed with regulators.

· Airbus Industrie offered Malaysian Airlines System a partnership deal to manufacture aircraft parts in Malaysia, the Business Times daily quoted the European aerospace consortium's chairman, Jean Pierson, as saying.

Mitsubishi Materials Corp. signed an agreement to provide its proprietary Mitsubishi Continuous copper smelting technology to LG Metals Co. of South Korea.

Nestle SA and San Miguel Corp. of the Philippines will merge their two joint ventures, Nestle Philippines Inc. and Nestle

 Unemployment in Australia fell to a seasonally adjusted 8.6 percent in November from 8.7 percent in October.

• Shares in Genting Bhd. rose 1.30 ringgit (51 cents), or 6 percent, as the shares returned to the market in Kuala Lumpur after a six-week suspension.

Vietnam's trade deficit wideoed to nearly \$2 billion for the first 11 months of 1995 from \$200 million for the first 10 months and \$900 million from all of last year as imports surged.

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jing Dahua, a state-owned concern that has been making shirts for the nation's leaders since China Says Output Fell in November

Bloomberg Business News

BELING — China said Thursday that its industrial output slowed in November as cash shortages and inefficiency plagued state-owned ficial Xinhua news agency

Industrial output grew at an annual rate of 12.1 percent in November, down from 12.9 percent in October but still higher than the 10.4 percent in September, the government said. Fund shortages, a chain of debts and lower lion yuan (\$19.8 billion).

ecocomic efficiency are major problems plagu-ing the country's industrial production," the state statistics bureau said, according to the of-Output at state enterprises grew at an annual

rate of 8.1 percent in November, compared with 12.8 percent at collectively owned enterprises and 18.1 percent at private companies. November's industrial output totaled 164 bil-

market securities. In order to reflect this restructuring, the existing final SCONTINVEST FUND shall become SCONTINVEST BOND FUND with 14 compartments whereas the Management Company shall change its name as of December 12, 1995 to become SCONTINVEST BOND FUND MANAGEMENT COMPANY SA. The units of the 14 compartments of SCONTINVEST FUND shall become the maits of the respective compartments of SCONTINVEST BOND FUND. This new structure shall take effect as of Ismany 11, 1996, On that date, the unitsolders of the following existing compartments shall become and holders of the corresponding recompartments under the following names: -SCONTINVEST FUND-MULTICURRENCY DOLVAL (USD). -SCONTINVEST BOND FUND-MULTICURRENCY BOND-SWISS FRANC-SCONTINVEST BOND FUND-MULTI HEBOCID SWISS FRANC-SCONTINVEST BOND FUND-MULTI BEDGED SWISS FRANC-SCONTINVEST BOND Salomon Restructures Its Asian Operations, described in the proposition, write talk options on arguments which it does not follow the time of emering into the option agreement. The rederaption foe in SCONTINVEST BOND MEMORAL translational in the received by the Management Company at the batest by S. 60 junio flationabilities involved the Management Company at the batest by S. 60 junio flationabilities involved to the Management Company at the batest by S. 60 junio flationabilities involved to be effected on the basis of the Net Asset Value of interfolloations day. Articles 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 15, 15, 16, 17, and 30 of the Management. Regulations of SCONTINVEST FL. ND will be amounted. The new Management Begulations will be published in extenso in the Management of December 30, 1995 and shall come into effect on January 5, 1996. Cutting 13% of Staff

HONG KONG - In a fresh said. sign of the restructuring that is shaking the Asian merchantbanking industry, Salomon Brothers Inc. said Thursday it had cut nearly 13 percent of the staff on its Asia-Pacific payroll. A generally soft market for Asian equities, a slowdown in new issuance of stocks and bonds throughout the region, and increasing costs for office space and expatriate accommodation have squeezed many of the large companies that had

made in Salomon's Hong Kong office, included 50 jobs in its fixed-income and equities divisions and other departments in Thursday to build up UBS's an operation that employed

Phillips contended, according to effort in South Korea. a Bloomberg Business News report. A company spokeswoman more people hired in Hong said that none of the firm's of- Kong, it also includes a greater fices in Asia would be closed.

"Consequently, several re- now require more attention.

Several of the largest Amer-

business a little," said William markets," said Renaud de Plan-Phillips, chief executive of Sa-ta, chief executive at Union

presence in most of its business about 400 people.

"It will not impair our ability in any line of business," Mr.

areas, with emphasis on mergers and acquisitions, commodity risk management and a greater areas, with emphasis on mergers

in and the geographic areas that want to target," said Ranjan solidate early steps into Asian Marwah, head of Executive Accountries whose financing needs cess, an executive-search firm. and domestic capital markets





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over the past three years. "We're restructuring our business a little," said William lomon Brothers in the Asia-Pa-cific region. "It's no big deal." The cuts, most of which were

substantially increased their

presence in key Asian markets

'Investment banks are becoming far more focused about the businesses they want to be region, analysts said, as major

they will happen more than they used to in Asia," Mr. Marwah

ican securities firms have greatly increased their staffs in Hong Kong in recent years as they sought to carve out market share in an area some previously managed from Tokyo or New York Their entry, particularly in 1993, had headhunters working

overtime and contributed to the boom market for luxury housing that sent rents soaring. As American firms have be-

gun to trim their payrolls, some European banks have continued to build up their oumbers.

"We don't rush in and out of Bank of Switzerland's Hong Kong office, a operation that employs 522 people and expects to expand to add 37 more over the next two years. Mr. de Planta outlined plans

While that growth will see more people hired in Hong commitment to other Asian markets, UBS executives said.

That trend will continue in the

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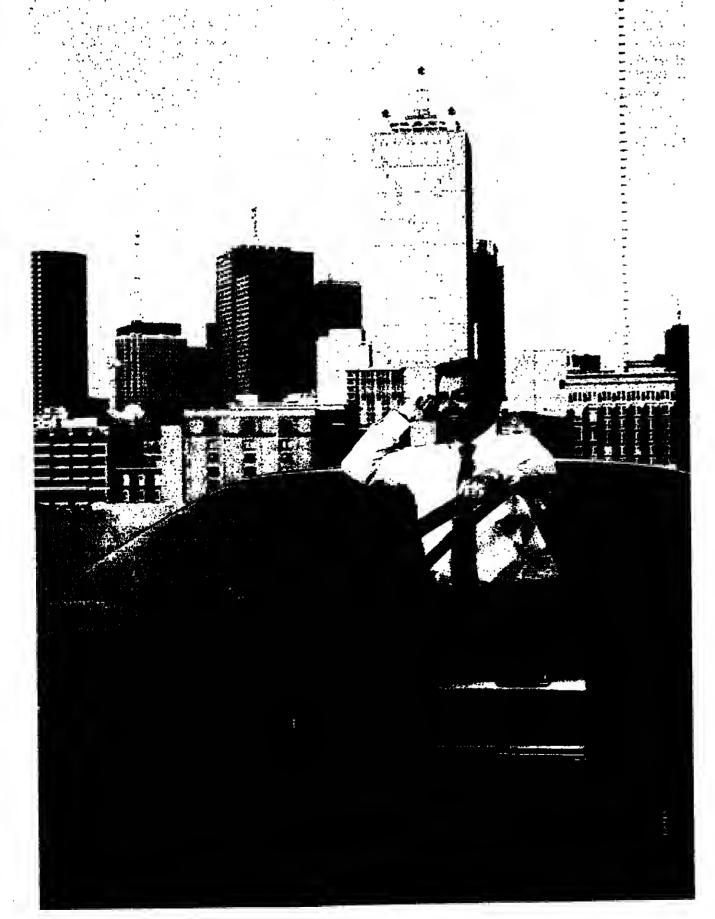
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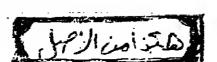
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Sampras Withdraws

TENNIS Top-ranked Pete Sampras withdrew from the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup in Munich because of an inflamed knee. Sampras was to have played Goran Ivanisevic in the quarterfinals. Todd Martin's path was also smoothed hy injury. Martin led Andrei Medvedev, 6-3, 3-6, 4-0, when the Ukrainian retired with an ankle injury. Boris Becker beat Byroo Black, 7-6 (7-1), 6-1. (Reuters)

Tarpley Fails Alcohol Tests

BASKETBALL The Dallas Mavericks center, Roy Tarpley, banned once by the NBA for cocaine use, was thrown out again for using alcohol. Tarpley, 31, tested positive for al-

cohol use three times, most recently last week, the NBA said.

David Robinson, the All-Star center, signed a multiyear contract that will keep him with the San Antonio Spurs for the rest of his career.

Yankees Get Tino Martinez

Details were not disclosed.

BASEBALL One day before the first hig free-agent deadline, Hal Morris decided to stay with the Cincinnati Reds for \$5 million over two years. Meanwhile the New York Yankees acquired first baseman Tino Martinez from Seattle as part of a five-player deal that sent pitcher Sterling Hitchcock and infielder Russ Davis to Seattle. Tony Pena re-signed with Cleveland for \$525,000 and the right hander Danny Cox went back to Toronto for a minor-league deal worth \$490,000.

Morris, who made \$3.3 million last season, agreed to a pay cut of more than 50 percent for 1996. (AP)

No Live Doves for Atlanta

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OLYMPICS For the first time in a Summer Olympics since 1920, the opening ceremonies for next year in Atlanta will oot feature the traditional release of live doves.

The Atlanta committee said the ceremonies will include only a "symbolic and theatrical" release of doves. Atlanta has been under pressure from animal rights groups not to use live doves in order to prevent a repeat of what happened in the 1988 Seoul Olympics — when flocks of doves went up in flames as the cauldron was

WORLD ROUNDUP Real Reaches Last 8 **But Faces Juventus**

in the European Cup as Ajax Amsterdam, competition six times. Ajax was one of five teams already as-

sured of a quarterfinal berth before the last round of Champions' League matches kicked off Wednesday. Nevertheless, Ajax crushed Ferencyaros, 4-0, and extended its record unbeaten European Cup run to 17 games. The Dutch team meets Borussia Dortmund of Germany in the two-leg quarterfinals on March 6 and 20. Dommund tied,

2-2, at home to the Glasgow Rangers.
Real, which won, 2-0, away to Grasshopper Zurich to secure second place in Group
D, meets the 1985 champion, Juventus, in the most glamorous clash of the quarterfinals. Raul González, the 18-year-old striker who found the net twice in Real's Spanish first-division game last weekend, and Michel González scored in Switzerland.

Legia, the Polish champion and runnerup in Group B, will face Panathinaikos, the Group A winner.

Nantes, which tied the Greeks, 0-0, to secure its passage into the last eight as the Group A runner-up, will take on Spartak Moscow. Spartak won, 1-0, away over Legia to become the only team in the Cham-

pions' League with a 100 percent record. of the night was a hat trick in nine minutes by Mike Newell of the Blackburn Rovers, It did little more than save face for the English champion, which had picked up only one point and one goal in its previous five Champions' League games. The Rovers

Real Madrid, Legia Warsaw and Nantes completed the lineup for the quarterfinals Steffen Iversen's goal in the 30th minute. But Rosenborg's dreams were shattered by the defending champion, underlined its sta-tus as the favorite. Real Madrid has won the and 40th minutes after Alan Shearer scored his first European Cup goal with a 16thminute penalty. The Rovers were down to 10 men from the 52d minute when midfielder Paul Warhurst was sent off.

He was not the only Englishman sent off. Paul Gascoigne was shown the red card in Dortmund when the Rangers were down 2-1. Gordon Durie equalized 10 minutes later. Brian Laudrup had put the Scottish team ahead in the 11th minute. Andy Möller and Karlheinz Riedle scored for Borussia. Ion Vladoiu of the 1986 champion,

Steaua Bucharest, was shown the red card in the 64th minute of the Romanians' 0-0 tie at home to Juventus. Porto, the 1987 cup winner, had to beat Aalborg and hope that Nantes lost to

Panathinaikos to qualify from Group A. But Porto was held. 2-2, by the Danes. Slavia Advances in UEFA

Karel Poborsky's goal in overtime Thursday carried the Czech league leader, Slavia Prague, into the quarterfinals of the UEFA Cup with a 1-0 victory over Lens. The goal in the 95th minute was the first

Lens had conceded in this season's com-petition and followed a scoreless first leg in The outstanding individual performance Prague and a barren first 90 minutes on a cold night in northern France.

Sparta Prague fought AC Milan to a scoreless tie in their UEFA Cup match Thursday in the Czech capital, allowing the Italians to advance to the quarterfinals on a 2-0 aggregate.



José Serrizuela, left, of Independiente and Nelio of Flamengo dueling for the ball in the South American Supercup final.

Argentines Thwart Romario in Packed Rio Stadium

South American Supercup for the second best-supported team, and for Romano, Maracana Stadium before the game. straight year despite losing, 1-0, to Flamengo in the second leg of the final. Ro- million. The club team finished its cenmario scored for Flamengo, but the Ar- tennial year without a single trophy. gentinians took the trophy thanks to their 2-O victory at home in the first leg last week. on penalties on the way to the title, defended

signed from Barcelona in January for \$7

Independiente, which won two of four ries

Reuters

The defeat Wednesday capped a mis- in depth for most of the game.

Independiente of Argentina won the erable year for both Flamengo, Brazil's

A woman was trampled to death at the

The crush happened as hundreds of fans attempted to enter the stadium which used to bold 200,000 but is now officially limited to 125,000. It was packed but no official at-

Havelange Stays **Above Strikes**

PARIS - João Havelange, the International soccer federation president, says Nigeria may be awarded the world under-20 championships in 1997 next Monday in spite of a European Unioo call for a sports boycott of Nigeria.

The European Union is made up of 12 countries, I have 193 national associations affiliated to FIFA," said the 79-year-old Brazilian, apparently unaware there are 15 EU states. "FIFA has always abided by United Nations resolutions. If the UN decides on a boycott, O.K., we'll follow it."

"It's not up to me or FIFA to judge the facts in this case," said Havelange who was in Nigeria when the recent executions of nine human rights activists were carried out, trying to placate the Nigerians following his decision to switch this year's Under-20 championship from Nigeria to Qatar.

Havelange's decision to go ahead with the 1998 World Cup draw next Tuesday in Paris, despite the transport strike, was criticized Monday by Lennart Johansson, the European soccer union president and a candidate to replace Havelange.

"I don't get involved with internal problems of a country," Havelange said from his room on the 25th floor of a hotel looking down the Champs Elysées.

The Fastest Goal

Damian Mori scored possibly the quickest goal ever, when he struck Wednesday night after four seconds for Adelaide City against Sydney United in the Australian National League. Mori received the ball on the kickoff, spotted John Perosh, the Sydney goalkeeper, off his line and lobbed it over him. The game ended 2-2.

It is generally accepted that the quickest goal at senior level was four seconds by Jim Fryatt for Bradford in England in 1964.

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Nicolas Fontaine of Canada, practicing in Tignes for the freestyle World Cup. because of lingering knee and back in-

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Unheralded Austrian Triumphs As Women Beat the Weather

VAL D'ISERE, France - An unheralded Austrian, Alexandra Meissnitzer upset the favorites to score her first Alpine sking World Cup victory Thursday in a super-giant slalom. Meissnitzer, 22, whose previous best result was a fourth place in a super-giant last winter on home snow in Flachau, won with one minute 14 seconds and 58 seconds in the two runs.

The Swiss veteran, Heidi Zeller-Bähler, was second in 1:14.97 with the 20-year-old Mojca Suhadolc of Slovenia, a surprise

Karja Scizinger of Germany ended sixth

on a tricky, icy course to retain the lead in the overall World Cup standings. the only super-giant statom held so far this season, in Vail last month, and led the first

giant slalom of the season in nearby Tignes before it was called off, could only manage seventh place. Because of the weather - too much

only the fourth women's event to take place out of eight scheduled since the World Cup season began.

Meissnitzer, the latest to rise in a long

scries of prolific Austrian skiers, said she was surprised by her result. "The course was fine and I had a nice

run but I didn't expect to do so well," she In Flachau last year, Meissnitzer was fourth fastest after starting in the middle of a snowstorm. Then conditions improved

"That is when I realized that I could win a race," she said.

Suhadolc's third place came after she had been out of action for nearly two years

juries. "I knew the course today was made for me", she said, pledging to do even better in the giant slalom Friday.

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Rare U.S. Nordic Victory

Inspired by a hometown crowd, Todd Lodwick of the United States won the season's opening nordic combined World Cup event, the first by an American in 12 years Wednesday in Steamboat Springs, Colorado, Reuters reported. .

Lodwick, 19, used a masterful performance in ski jumping to build a big lead, then held off his older and more experienced competitors in the 15-kilometer (9.3-mile) cross-country race. He finished one minute 0.6 seconds faster than Bard Her compatriot, Martina Ertl, who won Jorgen Elden of Norway. Marco Zarucchi of Switzerland was third, 1:17.1 behind. The U.S. victory, cheered wildly by hun-

dreds of Lodwick's neighbors, was the first since the first combined World Cup in Elden, dismissed from the Norwegian

wind in Tignes, too much snow in Lake team last spring, has been training with the Louise, Alberta, — the race Thursday was Americans. The strongest cross-country skier in the world over the past few seasons, Elden helped Lodwick improve his crosscountry skills, while American coaches assisted the Norwegian in jumping.

"I owe everything to Bord. I'd never have won without him," Lodwick said. Elden's finish was his best in five

In Tignes, Heini Baumgartner of Switzerland and Elena Batalova of Russia scored the first freestyle skiing World Cup victories Thursday in the newly-named acro-ski discipline. Formerly known as ballet, the event underwent a name change in the off-season to give it a more dynamic image and enhance its chances of becoming an Olympic event alongside two other freestyle disciplines, aerials and moguls.

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The Associated Press

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Will NCAA Follow Its Fee to Fresno?

By J.A. Adande hington Post Service

FRESNO, California - Read the biographies of the older players in the Fresno State basketball media guide and you'll find a variety of explanations for why they chose to come here, from "I want a college education and I want to win baskethall games" the people are supportive

But for the newcomers the 'T chose to attend Fresno State because" lines all focus on a single reason. It's the same reason the season-ticket base has the same reason a five-week Presno State athletics fund-raising drive in May went more than a \$1 million over its goal of \$4.3.

It's Jerry Tarkaman I chose to attend Fresno State

"My mom and family and my favorite coach of all, Jerry Tarkanian' — junior college transfer Kendric Brooks.

"To get away from home and to play for Coach Tarks-- freshman Michael Contreras. "Coach Tark" - junior

college transfer James Gray. Coach Tark" - transfer Chris Herren. "Jerry Tarkanian" -

freshman Terrance Roberson. Jerry Tarkanian, a graduate of Fresno State, is the winningest major college basketball coach ming from his recruitment of to Fresno State and building a in history, and one of the most Lloyd Daniels, who never program that was not only sucnotorious. Before the season began, Tarkanian was asked what crumbled. In November 1993, had changed in the 22 months the school was hit with two since he left his last college job, at Nevada-Las Vegas, in a swind from 26 incidents of what the of controversy. "The most dif- NCAA deemed improper inficult thing for us has been the ducements and benefits to re-Clearinghouse,"

During all of his battles with intended to leave, the NCAA at his previous "I think the his coaching stops, Tarkanian nev- him was he left UNLV on a soor son, a 6-foot-7 all-American forer encountered anything like note," said his son, Danny the Initial-Eligibility Clearing.

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NCAA over the NCAA's desire some television commentary, to have the university suspend judged bikini contests and even him for two years. Tarkanian appeared in a couple of movies him for two years. Tarkanian appeared in a couple of movies sucd. The U.S. Supreme Court ("Honeymoon in Vegas" and eventually decided in favor of "Blue Chips"). Then his schedule to brought him to Fresno for not," Tarkanian said. "They not to suspend Tarkanian. "Next" a speaking engagement a few have everywhere else."

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gone from 7,600 to 9,350. It's Jerry Turkanian has beaten everyone except the NCAA.

UNLV and five seasons at Long I came up here." Beach State, a winning percentage of .837. He-enjoyed his nin' Rebels, led by Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon, blasted Duke, 103-73, to win the 1990 NCAA championship. The next season, Duke upset an undefeated UNLV team in the semifinals. Later in 1991, the university's hiring Coach Tarkanian, we represident, Robert Maxson, managed to force Tarkanian's resignation.

sanctions looming, many stemyears of probation stemming Tarksnian cruits and a lack of institutional control. It was not the legacy he

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to the president, they might be days after Gary Colson resigned the most powerful organization as baskerball coach. "The recent there." Tarkanian said of the cont there." Tarkanian said of the coption I got was so overwhelmbody he calls the "NC-two-A". ing that I got all excited," said His battles never stopped him from winning. Tarkanian went a 3-2 start. "They treated me 625-122 in his seasons at I was Michael Jordan when

He has always been popular age of .837. He enjoyed his here, as a player and among the grandest moment when his Run large and influential Armenian community, which numbers close to 40,000.

ing his baggage. John D Welty, the Fresno State president, knew that. "As we were considering viewed a number of issues," Welty said. "We were, after completing that review, and Tarkanian left with NCAA talking with him, comfortable with his commitment to coming

> university and the NCAA." Welty also knew that the funds for a \$40 million arena the university planned could be found more easily once Tarkanian was hired on April 5.

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He's also got top high school players considering Fresno State. Tarkanian landed Roberward from Saginaw, Michigan. "Anywhere he would have been, I would have been there,"

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ren had decided to leave Boston College and had listed UNLV among his choices, Tarkanian alled him up to remind him that Hey, I was UNLV." In May, Herren announced he was transferring to Fresco State.

"I don't use any particular patch," Tarkanian said, "We signed every kid who visited last year. It was a miracle.

'In Vegas, our players would

take the kids out and I would just talk to them in the office. But here I got involved and did it all, because we had to sell Fresno. This was a new situation. We had to sell it all."

Surprise: Rodman **Upstages** Jordan

The Associated Press

Dennis Rodman came back for the Chicago Bulls and practically stole the show from Michael Jordan. Derrick Coleman came back and stopped a slide for the Philadelphia

Rodman, who missed the previous 12 games with a calf injury, was a surprise starter Wednesday night for the Bulls

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against the New York Knicks and grabbed 20 rebounds in 38 minutes as Chicago rallied for a 101-94 victory at home. "Teams have to pay him re-

spect," said Jordan, who scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half. "He gets you so many offensive rebounds that sooner or later, you're going to make some shots."

Rodman scored only six points, but his basket on a giveand-go pass from Jordan cut the Knicks' lead to 73-72 after Hiring Tarkanian meant hirthree quarters.

Jordan started poorly, missing 13 of 15 shots before finding the range just in time to give the Bulls their fourth consec-Scottie Pippen also scored 22 points for Chicago, which has the National Basketball Asso-

ciation's best record (14-2) and is 7-0 at home. John Starks scored 25 points and Patrick Ewing 22 for the Knicks, who won their first three games during a tough stretch of

four games in five nights.

76ers 108, Mavericks 87 Coleman, who hadn't played this season because of an irregular heartbeat and was traded from New Jersey to Philadel-phia on Nov. 30, helped his new team halt an 11-game losing streak in his 76er debut. He had 17 points and 11 rebounds in 31 minutes as Philadelphia routed visiting Dallas, 108-87.

Vernon Maxwell scored 25 points and Jerry Stackhouse had 21 points and 10 rebounds Maxwell was successful

with six of the nine three-point shots he tried. Stackhouse had eight assists for the Sixers. Jamal Mashburn had 22 points for the Mavericks, who 10th in the last 11 games.

Bullets 96, Hawks 79 Washington snapped a 10-game losing streak with a victory over Atlanta.

rebounds. Juwan Howard Nets. scored 14 points for the Bullets



Steve Smith had 14 points for the Hawks, who shot 35 percent in their third straight loss.

Charlotte, which had been allowing opponents to shoot almost 50 percent, limited Cleveland to 39 percent. Gien Rice scored 25 points

and Larry Johnson had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the host Homets, who won for the fifth time in seven games. Scott Burrell also scored 19. Terrell Brandon, who was 8

for 12 from the field, led the Cavaliers with 22 points. Bobby Phills had 20 points. Celtics 105, Heat 101 Todd

Day's nebreaking three-pointer from the corner with 17 seconds left helped Bostoo beat Miami for the second time in three The Celtics defeated the

time Monday at the FleetCenter in Boston, then did it again at Miami Arena. The Heat's Alonzo Mourning had 26 points, 13 rebounds, 9 blocked shots and 7 assists.

Dino Radia scored 22 points

Heat, 121-120, in double over-

and Dana Barros 20 for Bos-Timberwoives 108, Nots 97 lost their third straight and their Minnesota, playing at home, shot 70 percent in the first three quarters en route to its third

victory in five games Isaiah Rider had 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting as the Tim-The Bullets built a 21-point berwolves snapped New Jer-lead early in the second half, and sey's three-game winning the Hawks never cut the gap streak. Christian Laettner below 12 points the rest of the added 18 points and seven asstreak. Christian Laettner sists for the Wolves, while Ken-Chris Webber made 11 of 18 ny Andersoo scored 22 points shots for 27 points and had 10 and Jayson Williams 18 for the

Rockets 112, Lakers 99 in their first victory over At-lanta since Jan. 5, 1993. Houston snapped a five-game losing streak to Los Angeles. losing streak to Los Angeles. No way, ref: Dennis Rodman questions illegal defense call.

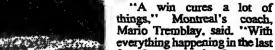
his 34 points in the third quarter outlasted Golden State. and Hakeem Olajuwon took command in the fourth. Olafor the Magic in a game that juwon, who finished with 30

14 points in the final 7:46. Cedric Ceballos led the visiting Lakers with 27 points and 17 rebounds.

Dennis Scott also scored 23

included 52 fouls, six technipoints and 13 rebounds, scored cals and a flagrant foul. Tim Hardaway scored 31 points and Chris Mullin 18 for 3:18 into the match. the Warriors.

After Hardaway hit his two Magic 108, Warriors 107 In free throws, the Warriors fum-Oakland, California, Anfernee bled away their last chance for a Hardaway scored 23 points, in- tie when Latrell Sprewell lost cluding a pair of free throws the ball.



things," Montreal's coach, Mario Tremblay, said. "With everything happening in the last four days, we've just been talking team, team, team. And that's how we played."

Jablonski's first National Hockey League victory since Feb. 10, 1995, came just hours after Roy, the Canadiens' star goaltender, and the team's captain, Mike Keane, were traded to the Colorado Avalanche.

Andrei Kovalenko, one of three players that Montreal received in the trade, became a crowd favorite right away Wednesday night when he dug the puck out from behind the net to feed Vincent Damphousse for a power-play goal

Biackhawks 5, Rangers 5 Pat Verbeek scored New York's fifth power-play goal of the night with 12:07 left in reg-ulation, and the Rangers extended their bome unbeaten streak to

11 games by tying Chicago. The New York goalie, Mike Richter, made several critical saves in the final minutes of regulation, and in overtime both teams managed just one shot on goal.

Lightning 2, Mighty Ducks 1 In St. Petersburg, Florida, Alexander Selivanov scored his team-leading 16th goal and J.C. Bergeron needed to make only 17 saves for Tampa Bay.

Selivanov's game winner came oo a power play at 2:03 of the second period and snapped the Lightning's two-game los-ing streak. It was Anaheim's fifth loss in seven games. Whalers 7, Islanders 4 Nelsoo

Emerson scored two powerplay goals in a 71-second span as Hartford defeated the visiting Islanders. Emerson connected on a feed

by Geoff Sanderson at 5:28, then again at 6:39 on a rebound of Glen Wesley's slap shot.

Kings 6, Jets 3 Jari Kurri, Pat Conacher and Wayne Gretzky scored during a 31/2-minute span of the second period to lead Los Angeles over Winnipeg.

Gretzky also set up a pair of power-play goals and Kurri added a goal and two assists to help lift the bost Kings into third place in the Western Conference standings.

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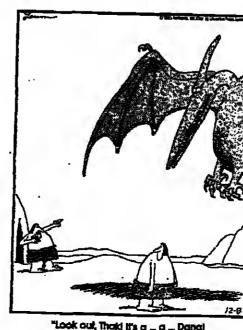
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Early George Apley

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - I spent five, hospital. This is supposed to be one of life's hilarious events. them feel better and I wanted to worse, television. They take in terrific health, so I wouldn't your clothes and make you wear have to take the stress test. a flimsy garment affording the world a full back view. So long.

Boston they don't surrender dignity. They give you a garment that covers everything front and back. Also pajama pants.

Also a neat robe for walking around the halls. In full hospital fig I strolled corridors feeling stantly I'd find a gun and take like The Late George Apley. You don't know "The Late George Apley"? Too bad. It's an indispensable handbook on Boston and a lot more fun to read than "The Scarlet Letter."

George Apley's goal in life was to put his papers in order before The End. Strolling that hospital feeling like George Ap-ley, I began brooding about my own papers. I hadn't thought of my papers in years — since first reading "The Late George Ap-

How disagreeable it would be if my papers were soll not in order when some doctor strolled in brimming over with the worst possible news.

But we were talking hilarity. It is true that people wake you in the middle of the night to ask if you are sleeping. True that they wake you again at 6 A.M. and

stuff medicines into you. True that they strap your up-per arm into a hlood-pressure cuff which thereafter, every five minutes throughout the night, tightens as cruelly as a hangman's noose to remind you

that you are not there to sleep. Doctors came in squadrons. All were superb. Each asked the

to 10, how bad would you say your pain is now?" I always said 5 when they started and went six or seven days in the down to I when they finished. It was the least I could do to make You've seen it in the movies. Or encourage them to tell me I was

Dignity.

The hospital was in Boston. In with self-pity I took the stress with self-pity I took the stress. It was no use. Whimpering test. Somebody helpful had told me it was possible to die during this test, and after the treadmill had been running 20 seconds, I believed it and told them if they didn't stop that machine in-

> three doctors with me. Hauled back to my room, I was procounced alive. "What we're going to do next," some-body said, "is insert a tiny little camera or something into this gigantic artery right down here and thread it all the way up to where it can photograph the whole surface of the heart.

I asked how the tipy little camera could find its way all that distance, what with all the fascinating other organs en route, which it would be tempted to photograph. "Don't worry," ex-plained a charming young cam-era inserter. They do it all the time. Very rarely does anyone die, though now and then they have to stop and perform immediate open-heart surgery.
Wheo this failed to happen I

was sentenced to the MRI machine and photographed in slices, like salami, for several hours. The doctors, finding oothing grave enough to justify a major rearrangement of my anatomy, seemed disappointed, However, if I return in a year or so, they said, something interesting might turn up.

Well, it wasn't a total loss, Tomorrow I may think about those papers.

New York Times Service

An Outsider's Look at the Conflicts in British Society

By Alan Riding New York Times Service

ONDON - Twice the age and perhaps twice as wise as when she started writing fiction in the late 1960s, Pat Barker now understands published. "I was writing things that write," she recalled. "I was writing touch. sensitive middle-class lady novels, and it's not what I am."

At the time, of course, she had good reason to believe she had joined the English middle classes. She had a degree in history and economics from the London School of Economics, she was married to a university professor. she was herself a teacher and she had given birth to the first of her two childreo. Her working-class roots had seemingly disappeared.

But a passing contact with the late English novelist Angela Carter nudged her back to her past. She should write about what she knew best, Carter told ber, about the tough working women of northern industrial towns, about her upbringing by her grandparents, about ber memo-ries. It worked. "Union Street." a story about assembly-line women, was published in 1982 and three other

novels followed. was nooced in Londoo's literary cir-cles. Now "The Ghost Road," the acclaimed final novel in her World War I trilogy, has won her the Booker Prize, Britain's top literary award. It has just been published in the United States by Dutton.

But what, one might ask, was "an ordinary mum from up north," as the 52-year-old writer delights in describing herself, doing writing about Briosh army officers being treated for shell shock in the Great War? After all, born in 1943 in the northeastern industrial town of Thornby-on-Tees, she was too young to remember even World War II.

Memories, though, were again at eliminate such common symptoms as as mirrors of the physical carnage and work. She was the result of a wartime motism, paralysis and hysteria. "Most mental devastation wrought by the

liaison and never knew her father, who, she was told, died in the war. When her mother married seven years later, young Pat remained with her grandparents. And in that home, it was World War I that mattered. Her grandfather had been a soldier and his war why her first three books were never stories seemed all the more real because of a bayonet scar on his back that shouldn't have been trying to she was occasionally allowed to

Decades later, through her husband, David, a professor of zoology at Durham University whose specialty is neuroanatomy, she learned about William H.R. Rivers, a psychologist who experimented with new neurological techniques for treating soldiers suffering breakdowns in the horrors of trench warfare in northern France. Armed with the emotional link to

her grandfather and extensive re-search, Barker then wrote "Regeneration," which focused on the re-lationship between Rivers and the writer Siegfried Sassoon, a patient at a hospital at Craiglockhart, near Edinburgh. Reinforcing the literary con-nection, the poet Wilfred Owen was also at Craiglockhart, although not under Rivers's care.

After "Regeneration," Barker realized that her story was not over, that a trilogy would be necessary. In "The Eye in the Door," with the madness of Then, just as suddenly, Barker switched her attention to World War focus turns to Sassoon and the author's I. With "Regeneration" (1991) and "The Eye in the Door" (1993), she bisexual officer of working-class exbisexual officer of working-class ex-traction who is also a Rivers patient.

Finally, "The Ghost Road" be-comes Prior's story as he prepares to return for his fourth stint in the trenches, with Rivers eager to know how he will react. Refusing the chance of staying home on medical grounds, Prior is himself no less curious about his own reactions. And he passes the new test of nerves. But along with Owen, he is killed in bantle just a week before Armistice Day.

Perhaps surprisingly, Prior's recovery from shell shock was not unusual. Using analysis, neurological surgery and electric shock treatment, Rivers and other doctors were often able to



Pat Barker won this year's Booker Prize for "The Ghost Road."

people were cured enough to do something of service to the war," Barker noted. "In 1917, when Owen had his hreakdown, 80 percent of shell-shock cases were dealt with within sound of gunfire and 80 percent were back in

the line within 14 days."

Accompanying Prior's story.

Barker shows Rivers reliving memories of his prewar work as a doctor among the head-hunting tribes of Melanesia in the Pacific, Based on Rivers's own writings, these stories of ritual death and psychological enslavement to evil spirits in turn serve

set-piece battles of World War I. Yet while at first sight "The Ghost Road" is an and-war novel, in many ways it tells more about the dysfunctional nature of British society. And in that sense, Barker's special fascination with Prior is understandable. Like the author, who raises a rare northern working-class voice in a London-dominated literary world, Prior is an ontsider. He is an officer who does not belong to the officer class; he is engaged to be married but

is actively bisexual. "He straddles every possible di-

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brief visit to London. chameleon qualities interest me. I think I was mainly interested in the core of identity. He returns to France with the expectation of dying, yet not with the intention of dying. I think even his form of sex is connected with his death. It is mechanized commercial sex in a mechanized commercial war."

Her book also makes clear that Prior chose to return to the front nor out of any great sense of dury, but rather because of his aversion to a Britain in which he could find no place for himself. Once again, perhaps this parallels Barker's own preference for her orderly life "up north" and her undisguised distaste for the glitter and media exposure of London's literary scene. "I'm not interested in an international-author type role," she said. "What use are writers to other writers? Really. You can have a good moan about your royalties and your rotten publishers and all the rest of it. That's all they do. Writers talk about money to the exclusion of all other topics, including themselves. It's just money. I see enough of that world."

Still, after "The Ghost Road" won the Booker Prize last month, bearing out novels by Salman Rushdie, Barry Unsworth, Tim Winton and Justin Cartwright, Barker was thrust into the limelight. The prize and accompanying publicity also made her book a best seller in Britain. But, as ever, she was keen to return home to Durham. where, she said, her neighbors con-gratulated her and said "that was nice" and changed the subject, which is what I would do if anything

embarrassing happened to them.'
Now her mind is on her next book. which will be set in a rundown housing project where wild young joy riders known as Twockers ("Taking Without the Owner's Consent") rule the night. "They do these marvelous hand-brake turns and, in the evening when they have finished, they burn the cars to destroy the forensic evidence," she said with delight. Evidently, behind her genteel exterior, vide," Barker said, sipping a gin and the subversive in Barker is stirring tonic in a Kensington hotel during a anew.

POSTCARD

Pacific Northwest: Straight Shot on the 'Rain Train'

By Timothy Egan

DUVALL, Washington — After living in his scuba-diving wet suit for days on end and commuting back and forth to his house in a rowboat, the dairy farmer on the river has turned philosophical.

has earthquakes and mudslides, so I guess we shouldn't complain about being un-derwater every now and then," said James parch of high ground, surrounded by a lake eryone had a story. that used to be the Snoqualmie River. His boat was oed to his second-floor sun deck.

Since 1986 there have been five major floods in western Washington. Two of the boat was ded to his second-floor sun deck.

'But it does get depressing," he added. For nearly a month, a hig, wet river of air slammed into the Northwest. "The rain occurring. The odds have not changed ter. If you live in a valley, be prepared in the property of the pr train" is what people someomes call the jet

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ington, and a oumber of them in Oregon. had flooded. Half of Washingtoo was declared a federal disaster area, and 58 homes had been destroyed.

The sun came out early this week, and illuminated the casualoes of the raging "Florida has its hurricanes, California rivers. Down the muddy road from Roetcisocoder, dead cattle were stacked, ready for removal. Couches and bookshelves that had been yanked from living rooms had Roetcisoender, standing atop his farm's been tossed into blackberry brambles. Ev-

five, including this year's, were considered "hundred-year" floods, meaning there has muscled out of the Pacific Ocean and was a 1-in-100 chance of such a surge

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Forecast for Saturday through Monday, as provided by Accu-Weather

stream in November. By the end of last city on the East Coast, about 38 inches a week, every major river in western Wash- year, but most of it is dumped during the months of late fall and early winter, when the Cascade Mountains are still too warm to

hold snow. Trickles become torrents. What has changed, say many old-timers, is the land around the rivers — land that used to absorb water during November rains.

You see that big house up there?" said John Betham, a dairy farmer, pointing to a trophy home on a hillside above the Sno-qualmie River. "Never used to be anything ends up? Right bere.'

His carpet is a spongy mess, crumbled on his driveway. "I'm from Holland," said Betham, who moved to the Snoqualmie Valley 15 years ago. "We know about water. If you live in a valley, be prepared for Billboard Music Awards presentations,

Latin America

THE HBO network postponed its planned Michael Jackson special on Thursday, as details about the singer's medical condition became clearer. Jackson is listed in stable condition in the intensive care unit at Beth Israel Medical Center North in New York, where he is being treated for dehydration and very low blood pressure. He is expected to spend the next two days in intensive care. Jackson collapsed Wednesday on the stage of the Bea-con Thearre, where he had been rehearsing all day for the HBO special, "Michael Jackson: One Night Only," which was to have been broadcast on Sunday. His wife, Lisa Marie Presley, sister Janet and like that around here. The hills used to soak mother, Katherine, have all been to visit. up the water. Now where do you think it A Jackson bodyguard said the singer had been suffering from the flu earlier this

Michael and Janet Jackson missed the where they were to receive special awards. after his collapse. The hig winners were: FLC, artist of the year; Hootie & The Blowfish, album of the year for "Cracked Rear View," and Coolio, single of the year for "Gangsta's Paradise."

Yitzhak Rabin's granddaughter, who gave a moving eulogy at the slain leader's uneral, denied reports that she has signed a lucrative contract to write her memoirs. There are contacts and there are offers hut the contract has oot yet been signed,' the Israeli daily Ma'ariv quoted 18-yearold Noa Beo-Artzi Philosof, as saying The U.S. publishing company Alfred A. Knopf said it purchased the North American rights to a book hy Ben-Artzi, and it was reported that she had received an advance of nearly \$1 million.

Lee Iacocca's ex-wife asked a judge to hold the former Chrysler chairman in contempt of court, claiming he skipped an alimony payment. Darrien Iacocca also wants him to account for items she claims are missing from the Colorado and California homes they shared during their four-year marriage. In October, Lee Iacocca asked the court to hold his ex-wife in contempt for granting an interview to a items from the California mansion without permission. Under their divorce senie-



FAMILY GATHERING - The jazz legend Dave Brubeck, center, surrounded by his four sons, from left, Matthew, Chris, Darius and Danny, at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna for a party celebrating his 75th birthday.

ment, neither can write or talk publicly 27, 1997, and is seeking about \$50,000 in about their lives together. donations.

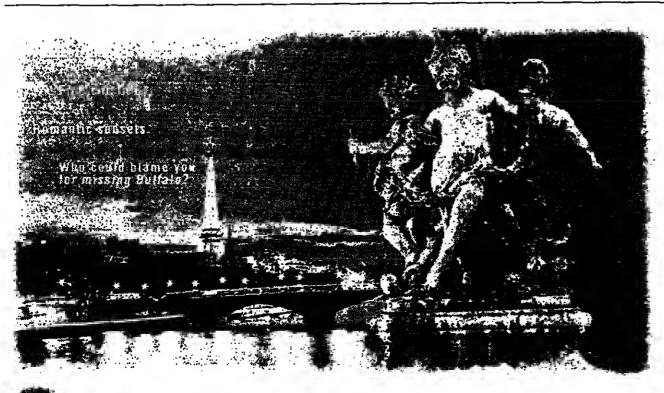
Alec Baldwin has been charged with battery for allegedly attacking a free-lance cameraman who was filming the actor, his wife, Kim Bastuger, and their infant daughter outside their suburban Los Angeles home in October. Police booked the actor then for investigation of misdemeanor battery, and he was released on his own recognizance. The photographer, Alan Zanger, claims in a suit that he suffered a broken nose in the scuffle.

Oxford, Mississippi, William Faulkner's hometown, is marking the 100th anniversary of the writer's hirth with a lifesized statue of him. The city will dedicate the bronze statue, by the sculptor William Beckwith, on Faulkner's centennial, Sept.

One of Harry Truman's signature say mgs is oow on permanent display in the new White House Gallery and Oval Office exhibits of the Truman Library in Independence Missouri, after a \$10 million renovation. The Oval Office replica appears as the original did during Truman's admin istration, right down to a television - be was the first president to have one in the White House. Another display features some of the letters, telegrams and notes Truman received and the original desk sign.

"The Buck Stops Here."

General H. Norman Schwarzkopf, who retired after commanding allied forces in the Gulf War, has joined NBC News as con-



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